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AMPOL CUP OUT

THE Ampol Cup, once the most prestigious NSW competition, will be no more.

Ampol, Australian Soccer's longest serving backer, has withdrawn its sponsorship of the pre-season Cup in NSW.

BY JOHNNY WARREN

For thirty years, Ampol has underwritten the competition but it has decided to sever its association with the once sought after Cup.

All of this should come as no surprise.

Clubs have abused the pre-season competition for too long, using it as an early training romp, fielding half-baked reserve teams and generally taking Ampol's backing for granted.

What a way to treat our longest serving business supporter.

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AFTER winning the 1971 NSW Ampol Cup St George went to Japan and won an international tournament against top opposition. Pictured with the cup is Johnny Warren. Others from left: Atti Abonyi, George Harris (back to camera), Don Sandell, Manfred Schaefer and Tom Anderson.



PETER WILSON is chaired off the field by Mike Trebilcock and Allan Ainslie after Western Suburbs had won the Ampol Cup in the early seventies.

NSW STATE LEAGUE IN TURMOIL!

For all the latest information,
see inside on page two ➔

The Editor

THE overall sports scene has altered dramatically in Australia over the past few years and the velocity of change will not decrease in the future.

Behind the scene in this revolution have been the media moguls, many of whom were only engaged with their general business interests until they realised how much power they could wield if they had both the clout of the printing press and the electronic era behind them.

No local sport stands to do better out of the changes than Australian rules.

Not only have they bought a large slice of the Sydney sports entertainment cake, they are also poised at some stage to secure a further tasty dish in Brisbane.

Mercurial Perth-based magnate Alan Bond has floated yet another balloon. He intends to take a number of VFL matches to Brisbane as soon as possible.

With a Brisbane commercial television channel at his beck and call there is strong back-up for his designs.

When Australian rules made their Sydney Swans run the knowledgeable contended that rugby league would be the losers.

This has occurred and both rugby codes have suffered, although the blow has been considerably cushioned by the emergence of grounds of high calibre which have been spread throughout the various districts of Sydney in particular.

At this stage rugby league will be forced to live with the Queensland Rugby League's decision not to enter a team in the Sydney competition.

Top players have been stripped from Brisbane by the Sydney clubs and it will be too costly to bring them back.

And that follows hard on the back of a season with shockingly mediocre club attendances.

Rugby League, bolstered by the Queensland and English stars, will remain strong in Sydney for many years to come, but the fact remains that they have loaded too much lead into their saddlebags to achieve anything of note in the longer term.

Where, you may ask, does all this leave our sport of Soccer.

The NSL, despite the warts evident in the two 12 team leagues, should never have been brought back to 14 clubs in one fell swoop.

It was a case of over-reaction. A drop to two ten-team leagues with either two or three rounds would have been much more sensible.

Some clubs in the 14 have no greater strength or potential than others who are outside. Many are quite aware, although they do not mention it, that they lack the capacity to pull people through the gates.

The judgment of history will be that NSW and its major clubs have made too many sacrifices to establish a National League which in 1987 will not be national.

For example a Northern Division or augmented State Super League with six major clubs from Sydney and one each from Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle and Brisbane would have offered the best hope for Soccer in the states where the code has the infrastructure to stand it in good stead over the years ahead.

Victoria could have had either six or eight teams in Melbourne and two drawn from Adelaide.

There was no need for Adelaide Hellas to be butchered. No other code in its right mind would have contemplated such an action in a million years.

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ADELAIDE HELLAS STARS DIP OUT

BY TOM MCKAIN

IF Adelaide Hellas fails to make the new super 14-team league next season, there could be a row between the club and their two Socceroos, Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn.

President, Mr Frank Karagiannis has announced that Hellas wants them to complete their two-year contracts.

But both players wish to continue their international careers if Hellas does not remain in the "big time".

Dunn recently revealed he had a "modest" fee his head — for an international — and would have no trouble moving on.

But Hellas, if they don't manage to remain on the national scene, are just as determined to retain all their stars to get back in for the 1988 season.

While Dunn and Yankos would be essential to achieve this, so would some other players who may also want to stay in the national competition.

One that springs to mind immediately is Alan Scott, who missed the Socceroo training squad because of injury.

He has developed into one of Hellas' star players since joining them for SA State League club Azzurri.

Captain Graham Honeyman, who was persuaded to postpone his retirement until the end of this season, has now done an about face and wants to continue in 1987.

"Whether I play in the National League or the local State League remains to be seen,"

AMPOL CUP IS NO MORE

From front page...

From our first association back in 1957 till the mid 70's, a well promoted and seriously presented Ampol Cup was a highlight of our Soccer calendar.

In recent years not enough clubs supported this valuable asset properly and who can blame Ampol for withdrawing its assistance.

Ampol will continue to back Soccer in some other states as well as providing its outstanding sponsorship of the Australian — China annual international series.

Ampol has also decided to back the Canberra Ampol Rockets, one of the ten teams in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

said Honeyman.

"I have had no serious injuries this year, I missed only one game because of suspension, and I feel I could go another season, particularly if I remain as a sweeper," he said.

"I've enjoyed this year but the big disappointment is that we are battling to stay in the league."

"I'm hoping that by some miracle, or change in heart, we can be admitted again for 1987."

"But no matter what happens I will play on for at least another season, although I must admit I'll be pushing it a bit at 34."

"However, I still feel I have something to offer if I can hold on to the sweeping role."

Honeyman, winner of the Australian Soccer Press Association award last year as the Player of the Year, has already won an Adelaide newspaper award worth \$1000 and a trophy.

TOP STARS VOTE FOR RETAINING TOP STATUS

There also seems no doubt that striker Gary Ward, bought from Melbourne Croatia, will not want to languish in a local league.

He has already hinted he may move on to Sydney.

And then there is Lou Hristodoulou, Australian Youth team midfielder who has the potential to become a superstar.

There appears no way he will agree to drop out of the national scene, with his international career just starting.

It is a fact of life that once a player has been in the national arena he does not want to quit it — and the same goes for clubs, no matter how much they moan about the struggle for coaches and players.

Hellas is still hoping they will still be there in 1987, with the latest rumor being that they will be readmitted in place of a team which is



CHARLIE YANKOS ... moving out!

tipped to pull out because of lack of cash.

And there are still those in the South Australian club who are convinced their drawing power, cash and their headquarters at Hind-

marsh Stadium will sway league chiefs.

They are adamant that finishing in the top 14 on the ratings chart will not guarantee some clubs a berth in the elite group.

NSW STATE LEAGUE IN HUGE RUMPUS

ROCKDALE Ilinden's Vlado Torteovski will not be permitted to play in the NSW State League pending verification of his registration.

In an amazing series of episodes a claim was lodged by the Royal Dutch Football Federation for in the order of \$US3000 for a transfer fee on behalf of one of their Second Division clubs.

As far as the Australian authorities were aware the player had been correctly transferred early in the year.

This led the NSW Federation to hold over the opening First Division semi-final from last Sunday to next Sunday.

After a series of hastily convened meetings the Australian Soccer Federation was asked to contact both the Yugoslav and Dutch Federations.

The big point will be to examine the status of the club should certain allegations be proved correct.

There appear to be reasons why the overseas clearance was able to escape normal ASF clearance procedures.

The whole affair is a most unhappy one — what sport can stand blows to the legitimacy of its registrations when the important grand final series is about to

BY KEITH GILMOUR

take place.

However we must await the outcome with baited breath.

But that was not the only situation to rock the ship of state at the crucial moment.



VLADO TORTEVSKI

Avala was found to have fielded a player in their 1-1 last round draw with Many Warringah who should not have been on the park.

He had incurred four yellow cards and should have stood down. As a result the game was awarded to Manly as a 1-0 win.

THE 1987 FOURTEEN ARE CONFIRMED

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE 14 NSL clubs for 1987 are Sydney Croatia, Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, St George, Marconi, APIA-Leichhardt, Brunswick, Heidelberg, Footscray, South Melbourne, Adelaide City, Preston, Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine.

All that remains is what should be a formality. The clubs' names have to go before the NSL executive in Adelaide on Wednesday and then be confirmed by big brother — the Australian Soccer Federation.

The other salient point to fall into place is that sponsorship must be available in sufficient lumps to make the League viable.

That will be known only when the ink is dry on the contracts.

But what a shocking selection system we have witnessed, even if there is some rise in standards to be expected.

Melbourne Croatia ran third last, yet they are in the league. Work out your own ideas over how that could be allowed happen.

Everyone sheds crocodile tears over Newcastle missing out — and well they might — but why should progressive units such as Wollongong City and Blacktown City not be there.

One consolation is that they will be there

when others are dead, but their progress should not have been inhibited.

NSW rescued Victoria from oblivion by bringing in the National League.

There should have been pressure applied for two divisions to keep the major centres of population in Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra on the map.

If anyone believes that Australian and NSW Soccer has been helped then they will have cause to think again within a few years.

Melbourne-based people lack any conception of what is needed to advance the game in NSW.

One Brisbane club is also vital, as is probably a second Adelaide club.

Big words are spoken by some clubs who are in the league but can they draw as many people as a local Premier League club.

Had the first seven teams in each division have been set for promotion the game would have appeared to have been fair dinkum.

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SIR STANLEY' TESTIMONIAL ON S.B.S.-TV.

SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS, arguably the greatest player in England's Soccer history, retired from First Division Soccer at the tender age of 50 with Stoke City. He was honoured with a spectacular Testimonial in 1965.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS
CLASSIC
NOSTALGIA

Next Saturday at 6pm SBS-TV, Australia's top Soccer Network, brings a replay of this fabulous Testimonial which includes mega-stars from all over the world, in its



to Blackpool in the mid-50.

When the great England right winger reached his late 40s, he made his return to Stoke City, who were then in Second Division.

With Sir Stanley's most welcomed return to the "Potters", the crowds started flooding back, to see them soon promoted back into First Division.

MEGA- STARS

The "Rest Of The World" side, included some of the greatest names in the code.

Ferenc Puskas, Hungary's legendary lethal left-footed marksman, Lev Yashin - Russia's immortal giant goalkeeper, Alfredo Di Stefano - Argentina's and Real Madrid's "bossman", Czechoslovakia's steel-hard centre-back, Josef Masopust, West Germany's Schnellinger and Scotland's mercurial Willie Henderson.

Soccer fans turned up in their thousands that cold, wintery night at Stoke City, to see the great Sir Stanley lead out his stars against the "Rest Of The World".

Sir Stanley's team included, Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore, Johnny Haynes, Jimmy Greaves and possibly England's all-time best goalkeeper, the superb Gordon Banks.



1968 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL-MANCHESTER UNITED vs BENFICA

FOLLOWING this spectacular Sir Stanley Matthews Testimonial, SBS-TV on Saturday week September 27th present the

classic European Cup Final of 1968 between Manchester United and Benfica, also at 6pm.

United that year won the Cup for their manager, Sir Matt Busby, with their super-stars

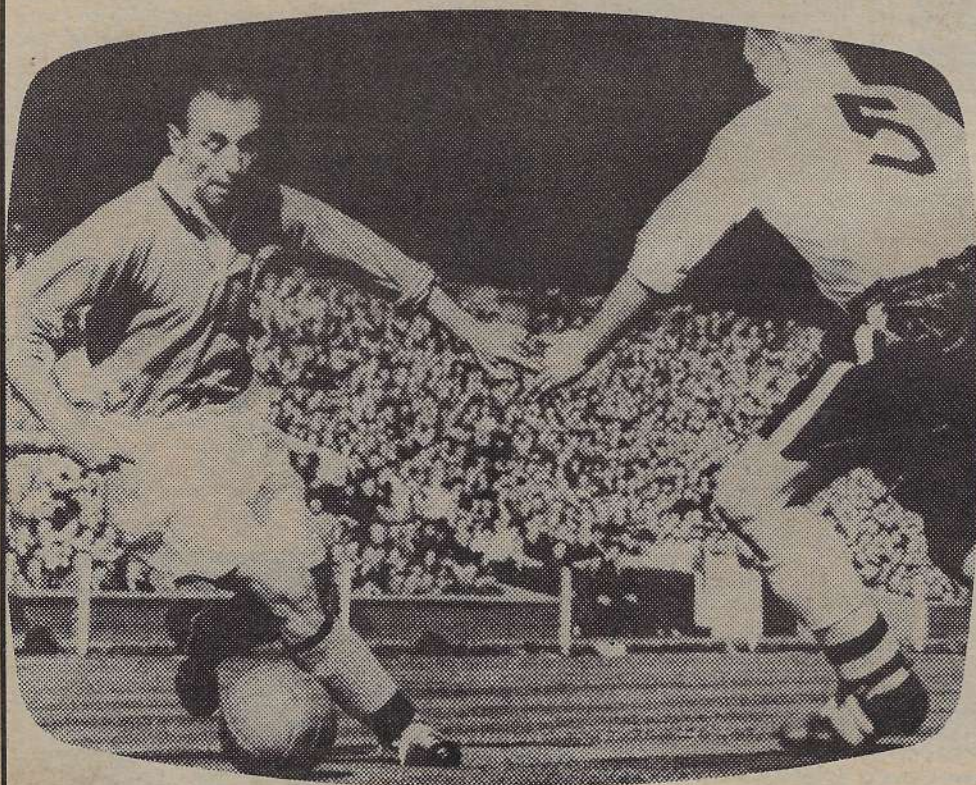
Georgie Best, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Pat Crerand, Alex Stepney, John Aston and

Brian Kidd.

The powerful Portuguese from Benfica came to Wembley that

evening with super-stars of the likes the magnificent Eusebio, Jose Torres and Simoes.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



THE OLYMPIC Airlines Soccer League will return to a single competition national league format next year. To ensure the league has every chance to grow the NSL executives should meet to review present policies related to major areas that will have a bearing on its future.

The most important area to be revised is that of promotion. The league must make available the funds necessary to compete against the other major codes for media time and space. Professional help is needed to begin a campaign in primary and secondary schools and throughout society to increase the junior awareness of the league.

All associations responsible for running Soccer competitions should confer on dates and times so that we don't have a situation where other leagues are playing games at the same time as the national league.

This is the premier league in Australia and should not have any other games being played in opposition to it.

Clubs should be encouraged to use local talent rather than looking overseas for players.

Any club wishing to bring players to Australia should have to show that the player has something to offer the game before permission is granted for the import to be registered to play.



TERRY GREEDY

The league must establish a select group of referees to control games. Promotion and relegation of referees would then be determined on their performances in games. If the refs' ratings are below a pre-determined level then they must be replaced by another so that refereeing standards are maintained.

To clean up the game and foster skills a stricter stand must be taken with disciplinary action against players who are sent from the field. If players are fined heavily for their indiscretions then maybe they will think twice before repeating the action.

Clubs and players found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute should be dealt with severely.

Guidelines outlining requirements for home games, so as to ensure the safety of players and spectators, need to be issued to each club.

Games in Melbourne and Sydney should be played Friday night, Saturday and Sunday so they are not competing against each other for spectators.

Double-headers and pre-match and halftime entertainment must be provided to entice spectators and family groups through the gates.

A State competition similar to cricket's Sheffield Shield would provide further exposure for the game and increase public interest in the code.

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PRAISE for refereeing performances this year has been scarce to say the least, but the excellent debut in the National League of stand-in referee Peter Speirs during the Saints-Slickers game deserves mention.

Confronted with several difficult decisions, Speirs was able to maintain control throughout what could have been an explosive match.



TWO of the members of the 1974 Socceroos, Ray Richards (left) and Manny Schaefer (right). They will be displaying their crafts in the match against the Soccer Media but who'll be writing up the match?

Through his decisive actions further trouble was averted when tempers flared during the first half.

After coping buckets full in the press for some of his rulings, it was pleasing to see the video replay of the game vindicated his decisions regarding the send-offs and the penalty.

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AFTER reading the comments of Eddie "Butler" Thomson in the papers, it would be

safe to assume that his rating of the refereeing performance is well below mine.

When asked after the game if I thought it was a penalty I replied:

"Does Frank Arok get excited on the bench? Does Steve O'Conner like to tackle? Does Eddie Thomson have difficulty expressing himself in front of an audience."

Anyway, regardless of the incidents during the game it was great to

have a "quiet drink" with the "SLICKERS" after the game.

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I WONDER how many people noticed the typing error in the pen-picture on the budding young Clark Kent of the Sydney Morning Herald, Ray Gatt, which appeared in the Soccer Weekly a fortnight ago.

It listed his nickname as "GATTY" when all who know him can

verify that in actual fact it should have read "The Gay Ratt", obtained by switching the first letter of his Christian name with the first letter of his surname. I'm pleased to have the opportunity to clarify the error, and I'm sure Ray feels the same way.

The return of the 1974 Socceroos against a media team will certainly answer quite a few questions.

All season the performances of players and teams are analysed and criticised by the ever so knowledgeable press.

It will be interesting to see if they are capable of putting into practice what they write.

Will those that continually tell us the game lacks skill display their wares on the turf?

But, who is going to write the game reviews if all the scribes are in the action?

One solution would be to enlist the services of a few National League players to gain revenge for the criticism they have had to endure for their performances.

THE GAY RATT REPLIES: Any National League player interested in doing a report of the match should contact us at AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

REPLACEMENTS STAR IN NSW VICTORY

THE U/16 national championships, won by NSW, were held at Valentine Park, Parklea from September 1-5 and the competing teams were organised into two groups.

They were:

Group A: Tasmania, Queensland, N.S.W., Western Australia. **Group B:** ACT, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria.

It was the first time also that the entire contingent of players and officials were able to be accommodated together at the official venue.

The new accommodation block to be officially opened by NSW Sports Minister Michael Cleary on September 20 was used for the first time and housed all 160 participants.

The catering was organised very successfully by Mrs Joan Valentine and her staff during the tournament.

The tournament itself was very evenly contested, particularly early, when less fancied teams Tasmania and ACT put in some good performances. But in the end the more fancied teams just did enough to qualify for the semi-finals.

Semi-finals were Queensland 1 v Victoria 0 after extra time and NSW 0 v WA 0. After extra time NSW won 4-2 on penalties.

The final was Queensland v NSW.

After early pressure in the first ten minutes from Queensland, NSW scored after 15 mins through John Gibson and increased its lead ten minutes before the

interval again through John Gibson and were never in trouble, increasing its lead through Paul Welch in the second half to run out 3-0 winners.

It was a result that NSW thoroughly deserved as it played some good football and creating numerous chances.

It was a team effort but wide players Steve Refines and Jason Higgs constantly beat their men to get in some fine crosses.

Extra application was shown as for the final and semi-finals NSW were without three key players U/16 national squad members Steve Georgakis, Louis Triantafillou and Giuseppe Russo. However their replacements Paul Guizkamp, Jason Higgs and Darren Sullivan rose to the occasion.



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

Special mention also must be made to goalkeeper John Filan who had a fine tournament, capping it off with two penalty saves in the semi-final shoot-out.

The whole squad though did a great job and were excellent ambassadors for NSW.

The squad was: John Filan Gladesville, Lewis Triantafillou Sydney Olympic, Steve Georgakis Sydney Olympic, Zoran Naumovski St George, Jeff Allport Wollongong, John Gibson Sydney Olympic, Eric Hrist Sydney Olympic, Darren Sullivan Melita Eagles, Giuseppe Russo Marconi, Paul Welch Blacktown City, Steve Refines Sydney Olympic, Steve Dimoudis St George, Jason Higgs Illawarra, Daryl Pidcock St George, Paul Guizkamp Sydney Olympic, Scott Bowen Nepean.

Manager: Eric Arneil, Coach: Alan Vest, Trainer: Frank Campbell, Goalkeeper Coach: Brian Williamson.

'DANNY BOY' REGRETS SEASON MUST GO

BY GREG RUSSELL

NOW that the National League season proper has drawn to a close, Queensland and Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright is concerned.

He hasn't been looking forward to the end of the season, and in fact he's wanting more games and bemoaning the fact that the final fixture has passed.

"I wish there was another round or we could have won our way in the finals," Wright said this week.

"I feel like I am only at the halfway mark of the season. I have just regained my goalscoring touch and I think I am playing well and the season is all over."

The reason Wright is bubbling with enthusiasm is that injuries have restricted his first team outings to just 13 appearances this season.

After battling back from a crippling ankle injury which kept him out of the game for 12 months, Wright was really starting to hit his form when a tragic training accident put him back on the sidelines again for a month.

His coach Col Bennett mistimed a tackle and collected Wright's ankle.

"It was an accident, and I don't even think about it. I couldn't hold a grudge anyway, Col's my boss," joked Wright, who has been an apprentice electrician to Bennett for the past three years.

"It was bad luck though and I am disappointed I haven't been able to play a full season."

But despite his 13

appearance, Wright is his side's leading scorer and his netted seven to date. He got a double in the 4-1 win over national champions Brunswick United last week and showed all his class and experience.

With the scores locked at 1-1, Jim Morton won Lions a penalty. It was a pressure kick because a miss would have sunk Lions, success was certain to put them on the road to victory.

Wright confident strode up, dropped his shoulder to send Yakka Banovic to the right and slotted his kick into the empty other corner. From then on Wright was bubbling. A minute later a rocket-like shot

just grazed the outside of the far upright then he made amends for that miss when he blasted home a final minute attempt.

"It was a great game to play in. Everyone was working for everyone else," said Wright of the Brunswick match.

With Wright in such good form, and so eager to continue playing, one wonders whether the time is right for national coach Frank Arok to call the young Queenslanders into his Australian squad for the series against New Zealand and the Ampol Cup matches against China.

Wright has always been one player Arok has pondered on in the past but injuries have always thwarted a call-up.

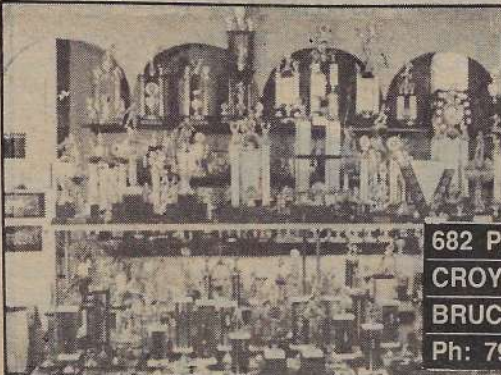
Playing for Australia has always been my aim. And now that I am fit and scoring goals I am sure I could do a job for Frank Arok," Wright said.



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There is more promising and talented youngsters around than at any time in the history of the game in this country.

It has come about through the 'ASF System' and has blossomed into a production line that will bear even greater dividends in the years ahead.

Indeed what has now come about is only the start of a well-oiled Soccer production line, working at full capacity.

Nowadays throughout Australia, in some cases starting from the tender ages of eight and nine upwards, good junior coaches are getting hold of the kids and teaching them what this great game should really be all about.

And, this is the only way to ensure proper development of the young player.

By receiving this attention, our talented youngsters can avoid bad habits and into them is being ingrained the basics - skill, ball control, heading, trapping and the proper attitude towards the game.

This is how the world superstars such as Maradona, Pele, Rossi and others all managed to reach the top.

They got it right from the start!

And then, with a proper senior competition structure and expert senior coaching our best kids, produced by the

system, can and indeed have become become candidates for the senior national team around the age of 20.

In the world scene at youth and under-16 level, Australia has a very high rating and without doubt, total respect throughout the globe.

And, what has to be remembered, this had just not happened. It has had to be worked upon.

And made to happen the only way possible by a contingent of dedicated and hard working youth coaches.

These are the fellows who do the spade work, before handing the raw product over to expert coaches such as Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson and the likes to add the final polishing touches.

Indeed it would be true to state that, in the youth and junior set-up, hard work is constantly put in by coaches such as Les Scheinflug, Vic Dalgleish, Alan Vest, Bruce Stowell and many others.

Young Soccerroo coach Scheinflug in my book is the finest youth coach in Australia.

He proved this beyond contradiction, in the 1981 and 1983 World Youth Championship Finals for the Coca-Cola Cup here in Australia and in Mexico.

I also expect him to repeat the act in Chile next year!

Coach Scheinflug has already built a formidable new squad for the



FRANK FARINA

WYC Oceania play-offs in New Zealand in January.

This squad demonstrated its prowess in the recent youth challenge series against Czechoslovakia.

The finishing touches to this new outfit will be administered during the Queens Cup tournament in Bangkok in November.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of being with coach Scheinflug and his young teams during many of their triumphs - mostly on foreign fields!

Triumphs that took place and won local admiration in far off lands such as Mexico, Costa Rica and the USA.

Whenever Scheinflug selects a squad, it is picked on footballing ability and talent.

This essential ingredient is then brought to

the fore and developed through hard work and hours of patience on the training track.

"There are many fine young players in Australia with great ability," Scheinflug declares.

"But many of them refuse to work hard at their game and this ability is lost and the end product is nil.

"Dedication and self-discipline is a vital ingredient for any young player who wants to make it to the top.

"I also believe at youth level it is wrong to tie youngsters down with a strict and unbending systems of play.

"This takes much away from their play.

"Obviously, every coach in the international arena at youth level must play to a system.

"But it must be a set-up that brings out the best in your players and

one that does not lessen their talents.

"I never attempt to restrict players with real flair and encourage them to display their wares.

"In this day and age, players with real flair are invaluable and we must develop such performers.

"It also has to be accepted of course, that every young player will not reach the top of the tree at senior level.

"However they still must be given the chance to succeed.

"If the national youth team can produce a few players every term for Frank Arok and his senior squad, we are succeeding and will continue to succeed."

The same attitude is adopted by national under-16 coach Vic Dalgleish and his assistant Bruce Stowell and NSW Director of Coaching Alan Vest in their endeavours to produce talent for Scheinflug's youth squad.

And it all boils down to a successful ASF 'system' designed to produce good home bred players.

And which ever way you look at it, we now have a production line that is envied by many countries rated much higher on the world scene than Australia.

Some of the many players who have surfaced to the top level through this production

line in recent years are - David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Eddie Krncevic, Alan Davidson, Graham Jennings, Oscar Crino, Tommy McCulloch, Frank Farina, Jeff Olver, Tony Franken, Chris Kalantzis, Peter Raskopoulos — the list could go on and on.

During my recent spell at the World Cup finals in Mexico, top footballing identities from around the world informed me of their high respect for our young on many occasions.

experts such as Argentina's Luis Cesar Menotti, Czechoslovakia's Dr Josef Venglos and England's Bobby Robson



TOM ANDERSON examines the Youth scene.

did so, to name but a few.

It's indeed a healthy situation for the game in this country and one that displays very clearly that in the youth development stakes, Australian soccer can hold its head up high — in any company!



TERRY BUTLER — great year.

TERRY 'BATTLER' DESERVES THE HIGHEST OF HONOURS

WHEN the soccer honours, awards and accolades are handed out at the numerous award functions that take place in the coming weeks, one player should stand out head and shoulders above them all!

APIA and has been one of the major factors in their successful bid to make next season's new NSL set-up.

During my term as APIA coach way back in 1974, I always found Terry to be a player with a wonderful attitude towards the game and a professional who was always on the lookout to improve himself and seek greater knowledge on the game of football.

In those day, his bosom buddy and idol was then APIA skipper And the star in particular, is APIA's diminutive skipper and veteran midfielder Terry Butler.

Butler has most probably had his greatest season ever for the Lambert Park club and has been 'Mr Consistency' of the NSL.

Week in, week out, he's never had a bad game.

Now 33, but like good wine, improving as the years pass, this little wonder has played his heart out for his beloved and Soccerroo all-time great - Wee Jimmy Rooney.

Indeed it would be true to say, that Terry has modelled his play on

that of Wee Jimmy.

It would be also be true to state, that, when you watch Terry Butler in action at the present time, it's like the second coming of Wee Jimmy Rooney Esq!

And to attempt to give any player higher praise than this in Australian Soccer is a near impossible task!

To sum up, if I wore a top hat, which I don't, I would doff it immediately to Terry Butler for his outstanding performances this year.

Here indeed, is a player who has brightened up our scene with his outstanding talent, honest endeavour and total club commitment.

Long may it continue - for another couple of seasons at least!



JIM PATIKAS



ANTHONY FRANKEN — Youth international.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP



Olympic's Manny Spanoudakis jumps above Blacktown's Adam Sandy during Sunday's match.



Olympic's Manny Spanoudakis dives full length with Blacktown's Robbie Slater and Olympic's Mike Coady looking on.

OLYMPIC SCRAPES IN

SYDNEY OLYMPIC struggled hard before they eventually conquered Blacktown City 1-0 at Pratten Park, despite the fact that the visitors were far better organised.

Indeed, Blacktown could have led Olympic by at least two goals before the home side finally scored.

Before Sydney Olympic could settle down, Blacktown City stormed their goals in the opening minutes of the match and only some bad luck and good goalkeeping by Gary Meier denied the visitors any joy.

Again in the 10th minute, Blacktown City threatened when flank-striker Robbie Slater broke away down the left flank. Once inside the box Slater hammered his 12 metre shot at the near post but Meier again saved the day for Olympic.

After an action-packed first 10 minutes, the match rapidly deteriorated in quality, lacking imagination, co-ordination and spectator appeal.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Five minutes before halftime it was Olympic's chance to score.

Blacktown City's centre-back, Jeff Ainsworth, failed to clear cleanly inside his box. Olympic's striker, Marshall Soper, swooped down for possession but the ever-alert goalkeeper, Barry Hoare, scrambled off his line to dive on the loose ball and deny Soper his chance.

Ten minutes after the break Slater busted clear, but as Olympic's sturdy centre-back Mike Coady closed him down, Slater slipped the ball square to his left to the completely unmarked youngster Paul Quarmby. But Quarmby, making his first full appearance for Blacktown, bombed the golden chance.

Olympic's midfield quartet of Terry Patalis, Peter Raskopoulos, Vicente Estavillo and Gary Phillips were repeatedly outplayed by Blacktown's more mobile trio of Gary Byrne, Paul Kay and Brian Ellem in the first session.

Olympic's skipper Raskopoulos, having a relatively quiet match until the 72nd minute, exploded into action.

Right midfielder Terry Patalis collected the ball in his own half and knocked it wide to the right to pick up Raskopoulos. Raskopoulos charged down the right flank beating left-back Darren Northam in the process.

Blacktown's stopper Jeff Ainsworth raced across in cover but Raskopoulos beat him as well before finally smashing his 12 metre angled low drive into the bottom left corner of Blacktown's goals to break the deadlock.

Blacktown, however,

had yet another opportunity in the 82nd minute to level when Olympic miserably failed to clear the ball inside their box. Quarmby again standing clear on the right, cracked his close-range shot inches past Olympic's left post.

Blacktown's best performers were their entire left flank, Darren Northam, Brian Ellem and Quarmby whilst Olympic were best served by Patalis, Raskopoulos, Meier and Kalantzis.

After the match an understandably disappointed Blacktown City coach, Casey De Bruin, stated: "We had our chances which we squandered. "Some inexperience cost us the match."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Brandt, Spanoudakis; Patalis, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Phillips (Katholos 59th); Soper, Kalantzis.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare: Willis, Ainsworth, Denyer, Northam; Byrne, Kay, Ellem; Slater, Carroll, Quarmby. Referee: J. Rossis. Crowd: 3222.

YOUNG AND THE OLD PAVE WAY FOR APIA

THE excellent job turned in by young target man Tony Parison and the work put in by the indefatigable Terry Butler put APIA-Leichhardt on the road to their 3-0 win over Canterbury Marrickville at Lambert Park.

BY STEVE SHELDON

APIA realised that they had a near impossible task to make the NSL final five, but they attacked from the start in a bid to get as many goals as they could in case Marconi slipped up in Canberra.

There was a ton of action in the game and Parison contributed two goals.

Butler lent a hand in the lead up for the first two goals and was not behind the door when it came to setting up further chances.

Alan Turnbull turned in a 20th minute goal from a Butler pass that shot across the goal-mouth right in his path.

Parison scored his first right on halftime from a move which be-

gan when Butler won possession.

He supplied the ball to Turnbull, who sent Parison away. The resultant shot had no sting in it, but somehow Canterbury defender Spiros Hantzis, who was covering on the goal-line, misjudged the bounce and in it went.

The Yugoslav duo of Petar Zrilic and Burin Zaimi put Canterbury well on the offensive in the second half. Indeed APIA were often lucky to hold them out.

In the 86th minute Ian Barker had no chance of stopping a shot from Parison from 20 metres out and the final score went to 3-0.

In the second half APIA had a lot to thank their goalkeeper Tony Pezzano for, as he never looked like being beaten.

The loss ended Canterbury's short spell in National League. There is no doubt that no coach would have got as much out of his squad as Dom Kapetanovic did.

APIA coach Rale Rasic declared that Canterbury deserved to be in a better position on the ladder.

He went on to congratulate his young players in particular, and to again express his admiration for Terry Butler's great performances.

APIA-Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna (Brady), Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo, Stewart, Butler (Baran).

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE: Barker, Svinos, Hantzis, Akoutas, Haniotis, Kalogeris, Licata, Zaimi, Borges, Zrilic, Fterniatis.

Referee: R.Davies. Crowd:1255.

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LIONS, JUST SHARE POINTS BUT BOTH TEAMS LOSE OUT

A 1-1 draw between Brisbane Lions and Footscray JUST turned into a double loss for the two clubs.

BY GEOFF STEAD

The failure to win cost Footscray the Southern Division championship after leading all season while the draw also ended Lions' hopes of sneaking into the top 14 for next year's NSL.

With so much riding on the game it was, not surprisingly, tough from the outset.

Footscray lost defensive general Vojo Vukcevic after 15 minutes following a clash of heads with David Hunter. Vukcevic was taken to hospital with severe concussion.

His loss caused a reshuffle in the Footscray side and the Melbourne team tended to lose their composure and allowed Lions to dominate for the remainder of the half.

Lions, who needed to win and hope four other results went their way,

showed more commitment and thrived on Footscray's misfortune.

The gusty conditions made life difficult for Footscray keeper Zoran Vukitovic and Lions players Frank Liddell and Brett Druery were able to get in first with headers and both nearly scored later in the half.

But despite Lions' domination it was Footscray who nearly stole an early lead. An uncharacteristic bad back pass by Steve Jackson nearly let in Footscray winger Zdravko Lujic but Lions' keeper Wayne Evans, who had his best game this season, courageously saved with his legs.

Footscray went close again only minutes later when an Ernie Tapai shot was heading goal-

wards before Liddell intervened with his head.

But with a minute to half time Lions got the goal they had deserved. The move started when John Stewart saved a ball running out for a goal kick on the left and laid back to Morton. The Scottish import showed all his flair and skill to beat two men and cross deep into the penalty box.

Footscray midfielder Vlatko Belic, who had been moved into the backline to cover for Vukcevic's departure, headed the ball onto the upright in his attempt to clear. The ball rebounded for Hunter to drive into the net.

With spirits running high in the Lions camp at the break, particularly with the news that other results were generally in their favour, perhaps their concentration was not as it should have been in the opening minutes of the second half.

Russell Stewart and Liddell became confused when one attempted to play Lujic off side and the other fell back deep.

The indecision allowed Lujic to legally receive Tapai's well weighted through ball and race away to score.

As the players walked off the park to the 1-1 scoreline, both sides were uncertain where they stood.

But then the news came through that Brunswick had won as had Sunshine George Cross, which stunned both dressing rooms. And for a game which had ended in a draw it was unusual to see two sets of unhappy players.

LIONS: Evans, R Stewart, Liddell, Jackson, Niven, Hunter (Richardson 68), J Stewart, Ogden, Druery, Wright, Morton.

FOOTSCRAY: Vukitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktarovic, Karic, Vukcevic (Spink 15), Belic, Tapai, Stolic, Latif (Atanasovski 65), Bozinovski, Lujic.

Referee: Ken Small. Crowd: 3891.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

CHAMPAGNE FOOTBALL AND CELEBRATIONS

SYDNEY CROATIA got together with Inter Monaro at the Croatian Sports Centre for a champagne first half of football with the home side taking the honours and the championship with a 3-2 win.

Both sides spent the first quarter of an hour sizing each other up before Croatia took the initiative in the 16th minute when a beautiful move was finished by midfielder Shane Clinch.

Zeljko Jurin and Ivo Petkovic played a brace of one-two's between them before the former gave an inviting pass for Clinch, whose left foot rocket from 20 metres left Steve Hoszowski

BY FRANK COLETTA

groping at thin air.

Monaro wasted little time in grabbing the equaliser when a corner from Attilio Carbone in the 19th minute was flicked on at the near post by Marko Perinovic. Wally Savor cleared the ball off the line but only as far as John Walsh, who placed his first time volley into the back of the net.

Croatia then stepped up the pace and after 28 minutes their lead was restored.

A fine run on the left wing by international Graham Arnold saw the ball played for Petkovic. The little tyro broke through the defence in a determined run and finished off with a rasping drive.

Petkovic wasn't satisfied with this and grabbed his second on the half hour when a corner from Clinch fell at his feet just six metres from goal and his shot flew into the roof of the net.

Inter Monaro did not wilt, however, and came back determinedly at the

Northern Division champs.

They were justly rewarded for their enterprise three minutes before half-time when Tony Brennan chipped the ball over the Croatian defence and Carbone 'stole' in to lob the oncoming 'keeper Steve Watson.

The action didn't end there, though, as Carbone, obviously enthused about his goal, tried a 35 metre shot a minute later that went perilously close to embarrassing Watson, who was on his penalty spot.

Arnold went close to adding to his goal tally this season a minute prior to 'drinks' when his header from a Petkovic cross was well saved by Hoszowski.

In stark contrast to the first 45 minutes, the second term was rather uneventful with only a couple of goalmouth sorties from both sides.

Hoszowski was called on to make a fine stop from Jurin in the 62nd minute and four minutes later he was on hand again to deny a volley from Arnold.

From there on the game fell into a procession of scrappy play, substitutes and yellow cards.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Savor, M.Kovacic, Rezo, Jennings, Clinch, Jurin (A.Kovacic 67), Arnold, Odzakovic, Petkovic (A.Ciscato 76), Lamond.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Tuilawa (A.Ambrosino 57), Gagetti, Budini, Walsh, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Djordjieski, Brennan, Perinovic, Giampaolo (Willcox 62). Crowd: 5680

Referee: Ken Adriaansen.



GRAEME FLETCHER

ROSEBUD DIP OUT IN A SAD NIGHT

A CROWD of more than 3,000 at the Adamstown Sportsground last Saturday night saw St George give a disciplined second half display to dash Newcastle Rosebud United's hopes for a place in next season's new league and the National League play-off series.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

St George's 2-1 victory was a reflection of their ability to take

chances on offer and refusal to be pressured into defensive errors.

Graham Fletcher was the destroyer for most of the 90 minutes and always had the Rosebud defence guessing. He scored in each half to create Rosebud's downfall.

Despite St George's desperate need for the two match points, Frank Arok's satisfaction was tempered with some regret.

The soccer boss, who obviously has a soft spot for Newcastle, said that this was one match he felt sad about winning.

His Rosebud counterpart Peter Irving refused to blame any of his players for the defeat, saying that they had given their all and no-one could ask for more.

Irving included Stuart Heap as a striker for the suspended Paul Crabtree and moved Bobby Naumov into the midfield.

St George took the lead in the 16th minute as Ross Milosevic tried to clear inside the Rosebud penalty area, but the ball flashed low to Fletcher, who was able to steer it into the right

hand corner well wide of Gosling.

But Rosebuds made amends three minutes later. Mark Jones crossed from the left and the ball appeared to be deflected to Sean Ingham and the striker made no mistake from 10 metres to leave Terry Greedy stranded.

Peter Petkovski limped off in the 42nd minute to be replaced by Scott Ollerenshaw and, with the scores locked at 1-1 at half time, Irving substituted fullback Matt Garland for Heap and pushed Cavanah to left midfield.

But the second half honours went to St George as Fletcher revelled in his wing role. And when, in the 64th minute, a cross from the right slid through the Rosebud defence he was in position to add the winning touch.

Rosebuds, as they have done on numerous occasions this season, pushed forward in the last 15 minutes in search of a share of the points.

Cavanah, Maier, McQuarrie and Ingham applied the pressure as Bannon and Owens held the defensive fort, but Skeen, Ratcliffe and Michael O'Shea never wavered from their defensive plan.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Ingham, McQuarrie, Milosevic, Heap (Garland 45).

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M O'Shea, Petkovski (Ollerenshaw 44, Slavski 89), Orszagh, Ricoy, Kocza, Moffitt, Fletcher.

Referee: Chris Bambridge



ZELJKO JURIN

ADCITY INTO FINALS ON SHOESTRING

WITH their shoestring squad stretched to the limit Adelaide City buried Heidelberg into fifth place in the Southern League with a 2-nil win at Olympic Sportsfield to finish third on the table

Home coach Zoran Matic went into the game with super star midfielder Charlie Villani out suspended after receiving 12 penalty points, Soccerroo striker Steve Maxwell carrying a thigh injury and fellow international midfielder Sergio Melta receiving treatment for a hamstring problem.

BY TOM MCKAIN

He had only one player left to sit on the bench — defender Gary Higgins. As his three national league men from the reserves were injured he had to list reserve goalkeeper Steve Niscoli on the bench.

The plan was that if

any midfielder or front runner was injured during the match Niscoli would go in goal and Willie McNally, the first choice goalkeeper would switch to a front running position, which he had filled with distinction while recovering from torn ligaments in his right thumb earlier this season.

Both teams started off with their nerves coming out of their skins but Sydney referee Gary Power was in command as he geared himself for a "killer" match in a league which six teams could have won before Sunday's kick-offs.

It was anyone's game until the 37th minute when City were awarded a corner and the ball came over from the left to centreback Neville Flounders on the far side of the box.

He jumped high to nod the ball up and onto striker Joe Mullen, who beat Heidelberg's Soccerroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

Into the second half and it was on again with the Melbourne supporters, who travel with

their team, waving flags and blowing trumpets in retaliation to City's fans who turned out with drums and symbols.

But it was the latter who made the loudest noise when Melta on the right slotted the ball past Olver in the 54th minute.

It was a classic build-up with the ball coming from Aurelio Vidmar on the left, to Mullen, then Maxwell and onto Melta.

But it was not all City. Heidelberg's Ian Hunter, who was moved by coach Brian Garvey from the defence to midfield in the second half, worried the home side and got into the shooting act himself when he made home keeper McNally dive to save.

Earlier he had thumped the ball with goal written all over it only to see City captain and sweeper Bugsy Nyskohus get his ribs in the way.

And substitute Nick Deligiannis brought the best out of McNally with a point blank effort inside the home penalty box.

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ZINNI HAT-TRICK HELPS JUVE TO CHAMPIONSHIP

THANKS to a spectacular hat-trick from striker Andrew Zinni, Brunswick Juventus are the Southern Division champions of the Olympic Airways Soccer League for season 1986.

Zinni's hat-trick will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it as he personally took South Melbourne Hellas apart in the second half at Middle Park last Sunday.

In the other vital result Footscray JUST, who held a one point advantage going into the last round, could only manage a draw with Brisbane Lions consequently Brunswick's superior goal difference assured them of the title.

The loss for Hellas was diabolical in that it also put them out of the final's series and, in fact, they finished the season in a lowly seventh spot.

Adding to the intrigue of the game was the fact that the two coaches were going in against their former clubs. The duo swapped jobs at the start of the season.

From the start the game was a bruising competitive affair. Both teams took a long time to settle but this was to be expected in such a vital encounter.

Zinni had indeed tested Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets early on in the piece but overall it was Hellas who played the better Soccer, even if they failed to find the net.

In the first 45 minutes their midfielder Richard Miranda was instrumental in a series of moves that should have been rewarded by at least one goal, but bad finishing and the other ingredient that is so important during the season, luck, were to prove hard obstacles for Hellas to overcome.

From the 22nd minute to half time it was all Miranda and Hellas. First he picked out Charlie Egan with an accurate cross but the Hellas sharpshooter headed well over the bar. At the 33 minute mark his corner was met strongly by Steve Blair but, again the header was too high.

There was another corner two minutes later but this time the woodwork denied them after Gary McDowell's first time shot rebounded off the cross bar.

A minute later Miranda again crossed dangerously into the penalty



ANDREW ZINNI

box and the ball found its way to young striker Chris Andriotis, who turned well but shot wide as yet another chance went begging.

The second half was a

different story altogether. One could almost sense that Hellas had squandered their chances of winning this game in that 20 minute period.

The Juventus midfield trio of Paul Wade, Mike Petersen and Robbie Cullen were in everything right from the start and as a result Juve were a different side after the break.

In the 57th minute Cullen's chip found its way to an unmarked Zinni just metres out and he made no mistake to give the Black and Whites the lead.

A titanic struggle then ensued as Hellas tried desperately to find the equaliser but instead all they found was a rock solid Juve defence.

The game was poised delicately at 1-nil but in the 73rd minute Zinni changed all that by heading home his second goal although the goal belonged to Cullen who had robbed big Hellas defender Steve Blair on the edge of the penalty box and sent in a pin point cross.

Juve were now on the rampage. A Scott Patterson back flick found Mehmet Durakovic who could have easily made it 3-nil but Laumets saved well from the full-back's powerful shot.

The Hellas defence, usually its forte, completely collapsed in the second half and just to add insult to injury hero of the day Zinni, again unmarked had no trouble heading home, his third goal from a Patterson corner just one minute from full time.

In the space of 30 minutes Hellas' fate had been sealed for season 1986 while for Brunswick Juventus last Sunday's emphatic victory augurs well for the upcoming finals series as

they must have a top show of taking out the doubles for season 1986.

HELLAS: Laumets, Postecoglou, Blair, Russell, McDowell, Anezahs, Murphy, Crainnie, Halford, Miranda, Egan, Andriotis. Coach John Margaritis.

JUVENUS: Banovic, Campbell, Durakovic, Brown, Zzenoorn, Wade, Petersen (Vesnaver), Cullen, Palatsidis, (Incantalupo), Patterson, Zinni. Coach Len McKendry.

In an exciting and action packed encounter at Chaplin Reserve Sunshine George Cross, who were virtually playing for their NSL survival defeated West Adelaide 4-2.

The second half belonged entirely to brilliant Sunshine youngster John Markovski. In the 52nd minute he received the ball, turned and curled a magnificent Brazilian-type shot into the top corner to give his side the lead again and send the home team into a wild frenzy.

Then to show that he was not yet through the young sensation broke through the Adelaide defence in the 67th minute to notch his second

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Mitten (Edwards), Baln, Markovski.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Brown (sent off 79), Yankos, Dunn, Hiern, Honeyman, Ward, Scott, Panagis, Pappadopolous (Kontandopolous), Atsialis (Manou).

Preston not only needed a 4-nil victory last Sunday they also needed other results to go their way to give them a chance to finish in the top five.

They achieved the 4-nil scoreline but unfortunately for them finished just one point outside the five.

PRESTON: Trainedis, Opasinas, Roodhouse, Illoski, Campbell, Slikas, Lane, Cole, Woodall, Dobson, Heys (Smith).

BRISBANE: Harrison, Fabrizio, Vasquez, Perry, Archer, Chapman (Catalano), Caird, Mengotti, Reis, Cooper, Lettieri.

It appears almost certain that Melbourne Croatia will remain in the NSL in season 1987 thanks to their lopsided 3-1 victory over underdogs Green Gully at Olympic Park last week.

Striker Paul Lewis was the star for Croatia. In the 20th minute he put his side one up and six minutes later netted his second to have Gully reeling.

In his last appearance before going back to the US Lou Abrahams made it 3-nil for Croatia and it was only George Campbell's consolation goal near the end which helped bottom placed Gully achieve any semblance of respectability.

CROATIA: Runje, Palajic, McIntosh, Hannah, Redmond, Marcovic, Biskic, Campbell, Gojevic, Abrahams, Lewis.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Douglas, Grimaud, Fraser, Hogben, Quigley, Carter (Theodosopolous), McClelland, Cumming, Ward (Spiteri), Campbell.



BY CARLO DEL PORTO



Jubilant Brunswick Juventus supporters, officials and players celebrate victory.

MARCONI ARE BACK ON RAILS AGAIN

MARCONI, with nothing to concentrate on but playing football, hammered troubled Canberra 3-0 in the National Capital's final NSL match after an unbroken series of 10 seasons.

BY KEN HEALEY

Five minutes before kick off, Canberra player-coach Steve Bryant and striker Ian Gibson did not know whether they could play. They had been suspended by a disciplinary tribunal on Thursday for alleged incidents after the game against Apia on August 17.

Only when Canberra lodged an appeal bond of \$1,000 just before the game could Bryant finalise his lineup.

Both teams attacked in the opening quarter of an hour then Marconi started to threaten Anthony Franken's goal, only to be repeatedly repelled.

But, in the 26th minute David Lowe drew Franken off his line and nodded the ball across to Rod Brown, who scored the first of his two goals.

Canberra looked likely to level before half time, but the chase became too hard from the 47th minute when Osvaldo El-Ali turned and slotted home a ball that had rolled across goal past Brown and three defenders.

Brown's second goal in the 68th minute was as simple as it was well taken. A huge clearing

Canberra, perhaps sentimentally, fielded their full team for the first time in some weeks, but three or four of the stars were playing more with their hearts than with their legs or lungs as they carried injuries.

It was a sad end to a frustrating season for a Canberra team that had the ability to do better.

CANBERRA: Franken, Dunn, Mazis (Mihalidis 64), Cant, Harkins, Sermanni, Palacios, Bryant, Gibson, Phillips, Byrne.

MARCONI: James, Rizzotto, Wheatley, Carter, Jankovics, Treddinick, Gray (Gunning, 64), Mason, Lowe, Brown, El-Ali.

Referee: Tony Pollard. Crowd: 998.

SAD DAY AS THE WOLVES GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP

WHEN the Titanic went down, it went to the accompaniment of "Abide with me" from the ship's band.

Well, it wasn't the Titanic that went down on Sunday at the Sydney Athletic Field, but to sports fans on the South Coast, the occasion was just as big a disaster!

For it heralded Wollongong Wolves' last appearance in the ranks of the NSL.

A sad day for a proud, little club.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Had there been a band in attendance on Sunday it would certainly have played "Auld Lang Syne" as the Wolves trooped off the playing arena after their fine 2-0 win over Sydney City.

The battlers from the South Coast went out in real style — with their heads held high with pride.

Sure, the Slickers fielded only five recognised first team regulars, but little did this matter to the Wolves as they went out in barnstorming style with a win.

Many other teams in a similar situation would have thrown in the towel and not tried a leg.

But not the boys from Norman Gunston territory, they gave it their best shot, right to the very end.

Here was the epitome of Wollongong the Brave.

The South Coasters got off to a sensational start when Pat Brodnik opened the scoring in the first minute of the game following a terrible mixup in the reshuf-

fled Slickers' defence.

They struck again a minute after the interval when Jock Morlando scored with a penalty after the ball had been handled in the Slickers' penalty area.

The much changed Slickers' team never got out of first gear and for them this match is best forgotten and the less said the better.

The day belonged to Wollongong the Brave, who may be gone from the NSL scene for the present, but certainly not forgotten.

Thanks for the memories fellows.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes; Rodrigues, Robertson, Hooker, Barrett, Patterson, Souness, Harper (Palish 62); Lee, Farina (Schute 68), Saad.

WOLLONGONG: Young; Green, Chilby, Cokely, Morlando; Girado, Kotamanious, Gaffney; Stevanovski, Brodnik, Easthorpe.

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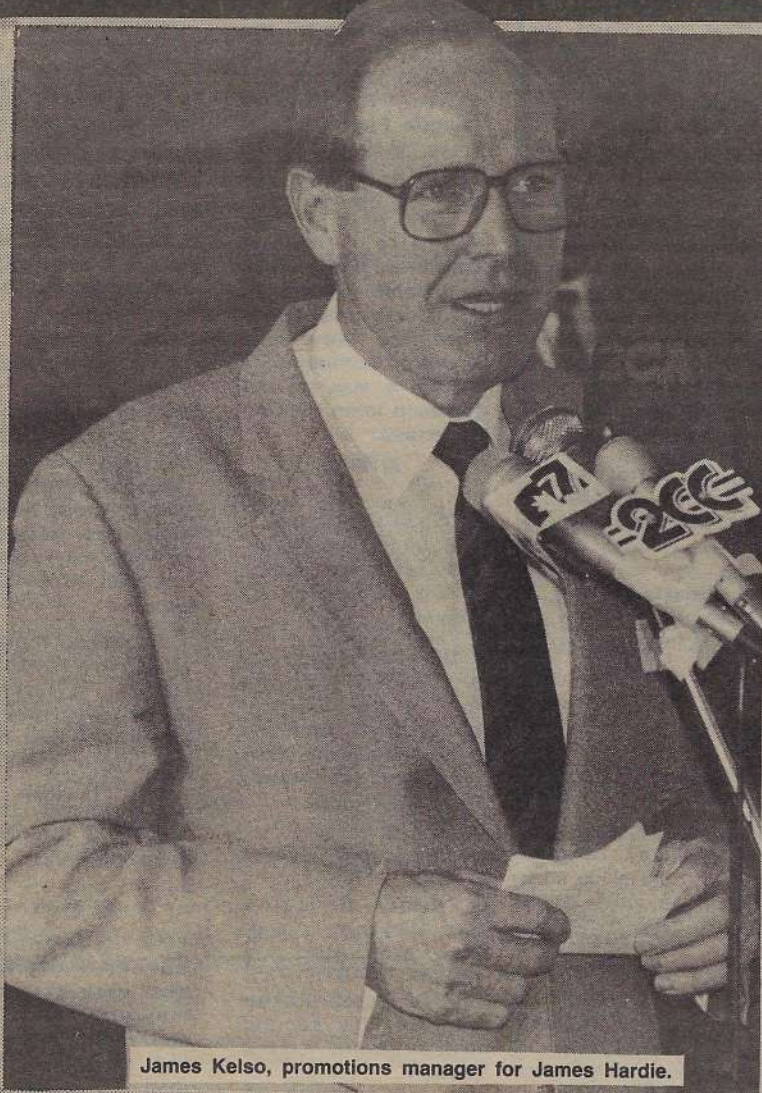
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James Kelso, promotions manager for James Hardie.

JAMES Hardie Industries, one of Australia's most prestigious corporations, will officially throw its considerable weight behind the National Indoor Soccer League when the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, Mr John Brown, announces its two year sponsorship of the national competition at a launching luncheon at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra on Friday.

The Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation is also patron of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League and along with his Government a substantial supporter of the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation which will stage the World Cup in Australia in 1988 as part of Australia's bicentennial celebrations.

James Hardie Industries are not new to Soccer, having provided Canberra City Olympians with the largest club sponsorship in Australia over the past three years.

They have traditionally been involved in community and sport-related activities, the most notable to sports fans being the Life Be In It campaign, the world famous James Hardie 1000 motor race and backers of the highly successful Parramatta Rugby League team for many years.

In announcing their support for the James Hardie NISL, James Hardie Industries Advertising and Promotions manager James Kelso says that they see Indoor Soccer as a fast growing, futuristic spectator sport in Australia.

"We also see it as a tremendous training skills game for young people and hopefully the skills gained from the indoor game can be carried to the outdoor game and that as the indoor movement grows it will improve the stature and standard of the outdoor game..."

Australian Indoor Soccer Federation Joe Brent says the AIS is most appreciative of the support given by James Hardie Industries and that the sponsorship means the indoor players in Australia will receive a far better preparation for the World Cup to be staged in 1988.

Apart from the James Hardie backing the NISL has other good news.

It has signed a three year contract with SBS television which will show twenty one thirty minute packages of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League on Monday evenings kicking off on Monday October 13.

In addition Club Superstation, the first cable TV network in Australia, will show the entire national league programmes.

Club Superstation will provide sports and entertainment programmes twelve hours a day in 700 licensed clubs throughout NSW — the James Hardie NISL will be one of those weekly programmes.

The NISL kicked off its national competition last year with eight teams.

A significant development this year is that the ten teams have considerable sponsorship and local support.

The Sydney Tornados were bought by a business consortium opening the way for



JOHNNY WARREN

franchising of other teams next year.

Mackay Monarchs are the largest sponsored team in the league with \$37,000 from Yeates Enterprises.

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ST. LEONARDS- THE KEY OF THE DOOR

Local N.T.S.A. club, St. Leonards Rovers, celebrated their 21st birthday on August 16.

The Saints were formed in 1965 and have been a consistent performer in the local 1st Division.

Doug Reid, David and Dennis Turner and Ray Noble were among the first to help the club's first President, Norm Noble, get things under way.

1973 was one of their most successful years. In that year they won the inaugural Night Series

Cup by beating favourites Devonport, 1-0.

More recently, they won the local 1st Division twice - in 1981 and 82.

To celebrate, the club resurrected their 1973 Cup-winning side to play against the present senior team. One could see why they were so successful thirteen years ago, even though the present team was victo-

rious on this occasion.

Following up the nostalgic game, 102 people attended the special dinner where acquaintances were renewed, memories swapped and a good time had by all.

"The club has much potential and we would like to progress to be one of the best clubs in the State," was current president Tom Lomar's theme.

ROUND FOUR

Friday 19th September

Venue: Brisbane, QE II Stadium

8pm. Brisbane Natra Bombers v Sydney Tornados

Venue: Templestowe H.S. Stadium

8pm. Buffalo Mets v Enduro Spartans

Saturday 20th September

Venue: Mackay Soccer World

8pm. Mackay Monarchs v Sydney Tornados

Venue: Templestowe H.S. Stadium

8pm. Melbourne Eliminators v Enduro Spartans

Venue: Canberra

7.30pm. Canberra Rockets v Lotto All Stars;

8.45pm. Canberra City Strikers v Brisbane Natra Bombers

Sunday 21st September

Venue: Moe Indoor Sports Complex

1pm. Ansett Tigers v Enduro Spartans

Venue: Templestowe H.S. Stadium

1pm. Melbourne Eliminators v Buffalo Mets

Venue: Canberra

12.30pm. Canberra Rockets v Brisbane Natra Bombers;

1.45pm. Canberra City Strikers v Lotto All Stars

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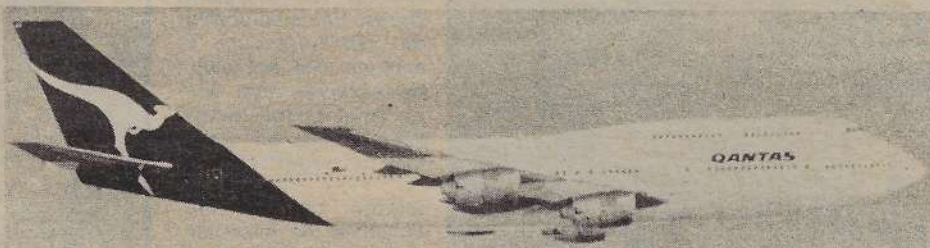
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CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

THE gloves are off between Sydney Morning Herald Soccer writer Ray Gatt and former Socceroo and St George goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

The two have engaged in some friendly banter in recent weeks regarding the releasing of nicknames.

Greedy got in a cheap shot in his column this week when he revealed Gatt's nickname as THE GAY RATT, which comes about by switching the first letter of his Christian name with the first letter of his surname.

Gatt has claimed a "foul" and wants the opportunity to get square. Considering he works with us as well, we feel obligated to give Ray the opportunity.

Ray wants it known that Terry has quite a few nicknames, one of which is chook, which he says, "is an obvious one if you consider Greedy's none-to-flattering looks".

The other is Elephant Man, which was given after he was taken off because of a bad head injury which required numerous stitches during the Oceania World Cup match against Israel in Tel Aviv.

According to Gatt, he was not a pretty sight after that game.

There is still another nickname which Ray wants to reveal, but he is keeping it a closely guarded secret in case Mr Greedy decides to hit back with his poison pen again.



JOHN KOSMINA against Czechoslovakia.

WONDER how the Eddie Thomson household has been faring lately? We would love to have been a fly on the wall when the morning papers were delivered on the Monday after the Slickers' game against St George.

After that match a bitterly upset "Butler" Thomson had a few things to say about the match and the sending off of City's Gerry Gomez.

Said Eddie, referring to Gomez's tackle: "I've hit my misses harder than that!"

We think that Mrs Thomson may just have proved Eddie wrong after she read that comment.

WOLLONGONG City chairman Laurie Kelly arrived back from a month-long world trip in time for his team's last game of the season against Sydney City.

Kelly was constantly on the phone to get scores from home and rang from New York to get the pleasing news the Wolves had beaten Sydney Olympic 2-1.

He was in England when he heard they had beaten Canberra 1-0 the week after.

He was actually away for three games and the team picked up five points from a possible six.

"Pity he didn't leave two weeks earlier; we would have qualified for the top five," coach John Fleming quipped.

WOLLONGONG Macedonia are poised to spend big to get at least one striker for next season after their dismal scoring record this season.

Coach John Bingham is having talks with the club this week about his future as he has an option to sign up for 1987.

Club officials realise they have to have players who have the ability to get goals in what is going to be a far tougher State League next season.

One officials said if the strikers they have could manage just 15 goals in 22 games this season they will be struggling to get half a dozen next year.

BRISBANE LIONS midfielder John Ogden will go to Holland at the end of this season for a training-holiday.

Although at 27 Ogden knows he is probably too old to secure a contract with any club, he believes just experiencing the overseas set-ups will make him a better player.

Ogden, man of the match in the interstate game against New South Wales this year, intends to link-up with former Lions coach Simon Kistemaker, now with FC Deur-drecht.

WHOEVER billed last weekend as the showdown time in the NSL was pretty close to the truth.

The credibility and the image of club football in Australia was put on the line and the two big matches in Sydney, notably St George v Sydney City and Marconi v Sydney Olympic were always going to be toughly contested.

It is history now that three players were sent-off in the two games but really the matches weren't as fierce as the 'scoreline' suggests.

The match at the St George Stadium was a hard contest that had to be controlled by an experience referee. Both Gerry Gomez and Steve O'Connor were given their marching orders and the Saints were awarded a penalty that the Slickers more than hotly disputed.

Just to add the icing on a not too delicious cake, both coaches, FRANK AROK and EDDIE THOMSON were sent from the benches by the referee Mr Spiers.

At Marconi respected whistle-blower Stuart Mellings gave Lee Sterrey an early shower, many thought he erred in making that decision.

Geoff Gunning had his shirt torn apart and there were a fair few other isolated incidents.

All in all the two games did little to restore sanity to our game.

TALK about mocks. Daily and Sunday Telegraph Soccer writer John Taylor really put the skids under Sydney City's Steve O'Connor in an article in the Sunday Telegraph before the City-St George match.

"Mick" quoted O'Connor has saying: "I'm a reformed man with the referees."

We all know what happened. Rocky — or Melon has he is known — fell foul of the referee and was sent off during the match after a clash with Saints' Craig Moffitt.

It wasn't Melon's week. Coach Eddie Thomson later fined him \$500 for being sent off. One thing is for sure, he won't be able to win it back at golf.

NOBODY likes to admit to "blues", but in this case here goes.

Last week on Johnny Warren's page we showed St George's Adrian Alston remonstrating with APIA's "Archie Blue".

Our blue was to give the name of Archie to another APIA great — GEORGE BLUES, a winger of great ability who shone out in a marvellous era.

A NOVEL idea was introduced in South Australia, where the West End Cup for the teams finishing in the top eight of the State Rothmans League First Division were taken out to country centres for the first round.

They took off for Whyalla, Mount Gambier, Port Pirie and Berri — in buses paid for by the sponsors, the West End Brewing Company.

And it was a bus for each team plus all expenses.

ADELAIDE Hellas is not happy about unofficial approaches being made for its players.

Until it is officially announced they are not in the national competition for next year, they want other clubs to stay away from their stars.

THIEVES beware!

Former Socceroo Ray Richards is hopping mad after his FOUR R SPORTS STORE was broken into for the second time in several months recently.

The cheeky blighters rammed a car through the front door and took off with a few items.

Ray won't take this sort of problem lying down. He has a couple of nice surprises in store if the thieves try the same trick again.

THERE it was in the Adelaide Hellas program for the second round of the season.

A "Rest in Peace" sign stood opposite the Helles v Melbourne Croatia fixture.

But the little gesture backfired, as it was a 2-2 draw, after Hellas had led 2-0.

WHILE Adelaide Hellas appears to be plunging out of the National League, it is ironic their reserve team has flourished in the SA State League First Division.

It finished fourth — with the help, at times, of fringe National League players — and made the final of the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, beating State League runner-up Croatia in the semi-finals.

THE Queensland Soccer Federation this week staged its inaugural Golf Day and was stunned by the response. More than 160 golfers from clubs, sponsors and the media turned out at the Keperra Golf Club. The Golf Day is now expected to become an annual event.

GOOD to see some friendly rivalry between the OASL clubs.

A couple of weeks back in ASW, our own 'Clark Kent' alias TERRY GREEDY had a slip of the tongue... no - slip of the pen and inadvertently gave the impression he thought the Sydney City side were the 'Kickers', not Slickers.

City's coach EDDIE THOMSON hit back saying: "Chook" is not a bad lad, but I do think he has had to jump up too many times to take the cross balls and this seems to have affected his thinking somewhat." Great stuff — and just think 'ET' will be playing in front of 'Chook' in a few weeks time at the Parramatta Stadium — should be interesting.

Memo 'Shilton': Invest in a Parker pen mate your current 'el cheapos' are prone to making the odd slip-up! And we can't have that now can we?



Australian Youth Coach Les Scheinflug addresses his squad at a training session in Hobart before the game against Czechoslovakia.



EDDIE THOMSON in deep thought.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

REGULAR contributor to our general news and specialist in schools affairs **BILL TURNER** was honoured to have the **BILL TURNER CUP** for NSW under 15 schools teams named after him.

The Cup has now been running for eight years.

Prior to that Bill was closely involved in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, which started out as the Tasman Cup.

He will recalls finals held at ground such as Garside Park, Sydney Athletic Field, Englefield Stadium, Crystal Palace Wallsend, Austral Park and Macquarie Field.

JOHN KOSMINA has hit the nail on the head by calling for a players union.

'Kossie', never far from the news claims that the players in Australia need a union because they haven't been given a fair go for quite some time.

ASW agrees it is high time the players have someone to back them up when in a spot of bother. Take Lee Sterrey for example, after being sent-off last week he had no chance to appeal. If there had been a players' union then there would have been a chance of him not being suspended.

Which leads to another long-running sore point in our system. It is high time that the OASL invest in bringing in judiciary system.

If a referee makes a mistake, as most believe happened in Sterrey's case, then the player/s should have a chance of defending himself and/or proving his innocence with video and personal evidence.

The OASL did the right thing by bringing in the tribunal system for transfers and the updating must continue, hopefully a full judicial system will be implemented soon.

A GOALKEEPING career in prospect?

At Blacktown's final game of the year against APIA-Leichhardt, the ball was driven forcefully along the line and out into the crowd.

A spectator holding a baby picked in out of the air with one hand and with plenty of style.

The catcher was none other than **PETER JONES**, whose football career included a term with both competing clubs.

THE hardest job in Soccer would have to be coming to the rescue of a referee — just ask Marconi keeper **BRUCE JAMES**. James was a bewildered man after being the centre of the crowd disturbance at Lambert Park.

James apprehended a fan who had kicked referee Tony Pollard after the game. But then James became the centre of abuse from many quarters. Add on to this the Marconi number one having had stones and bottles thrown at him and you can see a goalkeepers lot is not a great one these days.

PRESENTATION isn't one of Canberra City's strong points judging by the attire of two of their players before the game in Wollongong.

A striker and a full-back trotted out before the game with their socks down around their ankles.

Surely the NSL must have some rule about teams making sure their players at least look respectable before the game.

Some players allow their socks to drop during the action but there is no excuse for what the Canberra players did.

Maybe the NSL can add and deduct points for "appearance" to that already complicated points system they evolved this season.

ADELAIDE CITY still has two South Americans training with them.

Word is they could be signed for next year.

CELEBRATING a premiership victory is supposed to be a fun time but don't tell **SAM VELLA** of Melita!

After the Eagles carried off the NSW State League last week a couple of players decided they'd try to hoist Sam up onto their shoulders. Fair enough you might think except for the fact that one of them gave way and the Melita secretary and club stalwart came crashing down onto the concrete.

"I though I'd broken my back and elbow," lamented Sam. "Then you wouldn't believe... a women came up and said to me that she'd pick me up. And she did with another guy and took me around!"

WITH the obvious array of 'talent' still remaining on the outside of the Australian Soccer Media team, plans are afoot to arrange a grudge match between the current ASM team and a Select XI from the rest.

It should make for an interesting clash as the Media side warms up with it by playing against the 1974 Socceroos!



LES SCHEINFLUG ... trophy collector.

LES SCHEINFLUG

THOSE INCH PERFECT PASSES

WITH the passage of time Marconi and National Youth coach Les Scheinflug has become widely known in the coaching field throughout the length and breadth of Australia.

It wasn't always that way. His playing career was spent with the now defunct Prague club in Sydney, based on Sydney Athletic Field.

The club was formed in 1950 and initially catered for Czechoslovak migrants but it developed to become a polished outfit with players drawn from various national backgrounds.

Les Scheinflug possessed one of the best left feet in the business. As captain of Prague he always pushed for perfection.

He was one of the first ever Socceroos, playing in the opening campaign in Cambodia over 20 years ago.

He won six Australian caps at the stage when Australia saw little international exposure.

One of his most memorable games was against Everton FC at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The crowd was almost 52,000 — arguably the biggest for a match of this nature in Australian Soccer history.

RALE RASIC certainly does not take kindly to his side not playing the game the way they are told.

After the Lambert Park shemozzle a few weeks back when his APIA side tangled literally with Marconi the ex-Socceroo coach said he was disappointed by the action of some of his players during the spiteful match and recommended to the club's committee that the entire team be fined.

"I did not like what happened on the field," Rasic said. "I was disappointed with my players and what happened on that Sunday was not Soccer and it was not the right example to set for young kids. club this week about his future as he has an option to sign up for 1987.

ANY hope Adelaide's national league clubs — or club — had of signing State League Rothmans Medal winner Brian Welsh went out the window after the presentation.

The rugged and skillful midfielder announced he would see out his career in the State League.

"I'm 29, I've turned down offers previously, and I'll be happy to stay on the local scene until I retire as a player," he said.

JUST a whisper, but we believe an Italian club is interested in signing an Adelaide player.

And our informant says there is no guarantee that he is from a National League team.

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JIMMY MACKAY

JIMMY MACKAY: "Ray Richards won a free kick, Jim Rooney stuck the ball out to me and I hit it from about 30 yards. It was the best goal of my career. I didn't realise until an hour after the match what had happened. It was a great feeling."

That's Jimmy talking about the most important goal in Australian Soccer history — the

one that put Australia into the World Cup finals for the very first and so far only time — in West Germany, 1974. The goal gave the Socceroos a 1-0 victory over South Korea in their qualifying tie-breaker in neutral Hong Kong in 1973. The previous games had been drawn, 0-0 in Sydney and 2-2, in Seoul.

When Jim retired from the game in 1977 his coach of the '74 side — Rale Rasic paid him a glowing tribute: "In the national team, Mackay was the general who directed the pace. He was excellent both in attack and defence."

"He was one of the

best, if not the best reader of the game that I have dealt with and he was a giant in big matches."

Feeling unsettled, Mackay came to Melbourne at the age of 21 in 1965. He intended to stay for two years on a working holiday. Instead, he got married and made Australia his permanent home.

Teaming up with Horst Rau in midfield, Duncan McKay in defence, Billy Vojtek and Hammy McMeekan in attack, and various other fine players, Mackay helped Croatia win three Ampol Cups, an Australian Ampol Cup, a State League

championships, a top four competition and three Dockerty Cups.

In 1972, Croatia was expelled from the Victorian Soccer Federation due to a crowd disturbance. His next club was Hakoah-East in Sydney and it was fitting that this Soccer giant should go to arguably the best Soccer outfit in the country.

He played midfield for Hakoah in 1973 and 1974 but he and his family were homesick from Melbourne and so they returned in 1975, when Mackay signed for South Melbourne Hellas.

Mackay was never an enthusiastic trainer, and

this contributed to his decision to retire just after the inaugural Phillips League season kicked off.

He was often called a "player's player." He did so much subtle stuff that was unnoticed by the crowd but that was of enormous benefit to his team mates. Apart from playing 52 games for Australia — 31 of them full internationals — he also represented Victoria more than 25 times.

After a two-year lay-off, Mackay made somewhat of a comeback in 1979, signing for a team in Shepparton, northern Victoria, along with his former South Mel-

bourne team-mate, Jim Armstrong.

PETER WILSON

HAD you gone to Wollongong to meet Peter Wilson during the heady days of 1973-74 World Cup campaign, you'd have found him five miles underground. Chances are you wouldn't have found him at all. He may have been out

in the mountains, being by himself, or he may have been in his car on the way to Sydney or on the way back.

Wilson was doing the 160-mile round trip four times a week to train with Western Suburbs. It's an example of the dedication that made Wilson captain and king-pin of the Australian national team and also one of the most

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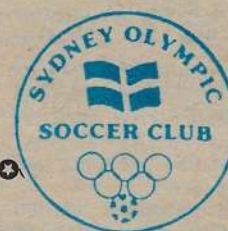
1PM SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI

Referee: Stuart Mellings



3PM ST GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Referee: Dennis Monteverde



YOUTH LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS AT MARCONI STADIUM

**1PM MARCONI v ST GEORGE
3PM SYDNEY CITY v BLACKTOWN CITY**

OLYMPIC PARK

1PM SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v HEIDELBERG UNITED

Referee: Richard Lorenc



3PM FOOTSCRAY v ADELAIDE CITY

Referee: Gary Power



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STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

THE STAMP OF APPROVAL FOR ALF AT CROMER PARK

MANLY WARRINGAH has had a great run in the NSW State League this year, and coach Alf Stamp is due to receive a deal of the credit.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Alf himself points disarmingly to the exploits of his squad, and that is well and good to a point.

To run third, just a point below the winner, is no mean feat.

At the start of the year he was asked to come in and help Archie Blue, which he was pleased to do.

Then when Archie left he was right on the spot to take over and favourable results have come aplenty.

Alf Stamp's Soccer career began at home in Scotland, and then an invitation to join the Caversham SFC in Dunedin, New Zealand, provided him with extra opportunities.

His long gangling stride and crowd-pleasing work on the ball made him a favourite with the crowds in the N.Z. National League on either the left or right wings.

After two years with Caversham he moved to

Hamilton for another two, and then had a year each with Eastern Suburbs and Blockhouse Bay clubs in Auckland.

In the late seventies he was a regular in the New Zealand National team.

Amongst other things he played for the Kiwis when they defeated Australia 1-0 in the World Cup in Auckland when Rudi Gutendorf coached the Australians.

In addition he played in three Tests against England B as well as representing against Fiji, New Caledonia and Dundee.

He missed a United Kingdom tour, due to taking over a new job and that ultimately meant that he did not regain selection for New Zealand's World Cup team.

Next Newcastle coach Alan Vest invited him over to Australia and he had four happy years

with the club.

When Vest left as manager he played under Ken Kaiser and Ray Baartz.

Next he linked up with "the Kaiser" at West Wallsend in the Northern NSW First Division.

"We managed to lose the minor premiership on goal difference, and added to that we lost the grand finals on penalty kicks," he recalled ruefully.

At West Wallsend he played alongside Keith Harris, now the successful coach with the club.

The Manly episode came with his move to Sydney.

At one stage the Sea-

siders managed 11 games without defeat.

"I find that many of the teams play a similar type of football. There have been many good players and defences, which has led to some close results.

"The Manly players have earned their results throughout the year.

"The group is fairly young and the potential is there.

"Five or six are no older than 21 or thereabouts. When you realise that they include Bobby Catlin and Gary van Egmond you would have to say that the club has a sound future," Stamp said.

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STATE SCORERS

IT was stated in ASW (9th Sept) State League Round Up that the seven goals scored by Zlatko Nastevski was the highest in State League memory.

Listed below are all scores of 5 or more goals in the NSW State League 1957-86. These do not include semi-finals, grand finals, cup matches, play-off etc.

L. Schauman	Budapest	7 goals vs	Syd Austral	9-1	6.8.61	E.S. Marks Field
Z. Nastevski	Rockdale	7 goals vs	Penrith City	9-1	7.9.86	Cook Park
H. Ninaus	Prague	6 goals vs	Granville	6-2	17.7.61	Macarthur Pk
G. Yardley	St George	6 goals vs	Yugal	11-1	30.3.69	E.S. Marks Field
B. Young	Canterbury	5 goals vs	Villawood	14-0	23.8.58	Arlington Oval
R. Forster	Gladesville	5 goals vs	Villawood	9-0	26.7.58	Knight Pk
T. McWatters	Balgownie	5 goals vs	Hakoah	6-3	11.7.59	E.S. Marks Field
B. Morrow	Auburn	5 goals vs	Budapest	9-2	26.3.60	Lidcombe Oval
H. Ninaus	Prague	5 goals vs	Manly-Warr. Utd	10-1	20.8.60	E.S. Marks Field
R. Levy	Hakoah	5 goals vs	Syd Austral	10-4	25.6.61	E.S. Marks Field
R. Burns	Sth Coast Utd	5 goals vs	Syd Austral	5-1	12.6.61	Woonona Spts C.
J. Giacometti	APIA	5 goals vs	Yugal	8-1	7.4.63	E.S. Marks Field
A. Alston	St George	5 goals vs	Prague	7-1	5.7.70	E.S. Marks Field
M. Denton	St George	5 goals vs	Auburn	10-1	30.8.70	Mona Park
M. Sullivan	Sth Sydney	5 goals vs	Prague	6-2	3.7.71	E.S. Marks Field
A. Abonyi	Croatia	5 goals vs	W'gong City	6-0	17.7.77	E.S. Marks Field
G. Milne	Avala	5 goals vs	Bankstown	6-0	3.6.84	Mona Park

It appears the E.S. Marks Field is the ground to see high goal scoring.

NOTE: In 10 years of National Soccer only six players have scored four goals in a match. D. Deans — E. Krncevic — J. Kosmina — S. Winn — C. Lucchesi — C. Egan.

NORTH BANKSTOWN DUMP YUGAL IN EXTRA TIME

FOUR goals by stopper, Rob Thompson, paved the way for North Bankstown's upset 5-3 victory over premiership winners Yugal in the sudden-death semi-final at Francis Park.

BY STEVE SHELDON

Thompson's goals, two of which were penalties late in the

second half, enabled North Bankstown to draw level at 3-3 after 90 minutes and force Yugal into extra time.

Earlier on, however, it had seemed anything but likely that Norths would progress to next week's final at the expense of their more fancied opponents.

After a strong opening, Yugal went to the lead in the 20th minute when striker, Scott Watson pounced on a bouncing ball inside the North Bankstown penalty area and scrambled it over the line.

Twenty minutes later, a corner on the left by player-coach, Des Marton, found striker, Tony Sunjic, who beat the keeper from close range.

By this time, Yugal were well on top and five minutes after the break, it came as no surprise when midfielder, Glen Biollo, increased the margin to three with a powerful, low shot from 12 metres.

Yugal seemed assured of a win and even when Thompson pulled a goal back for Norths with a 12 metre header two minutes later, three appeared no cause for panic.

However, two penalties in the last 10 minutes of normal time turned the game.

In the 80th minute, Thompson converted after midfielder, Eddie Pahor, handled inside the box and in the dying seconds of play he netted again after midfield-

er, Chris Card, who penalised for a similar offence.

During extra time, Norths Bankstown continued their revival and, in the 93rd minute, Thompson scored again.

Ten minutes later, an attack down the right flank finished with midfielder David Charlesworth whose goal wrapped up the game for the underdogs.

To add to Yugal's woes, Sunjic was sent from the field in the 105th minute for a dangerous tackle after being shown a yellow card for dissent earlier in the match.

North's coach, Dennis Madden, was ecstatic with the result.

"That was our first win over Yugal this season. At half-time, I told the boys to push up and go for broke. I sent Rob Thompson upfield to attack and his presence gave the team a lot of confidence."

Naturally enough Yugal coach, Des Marton, was less than pleased with the flow of the game.

"It was an exciting, open game and I think North Bankstown deserved to win" said the exhausted Marton after the match.

"I'm disappointed with the result, but we've got nobody to blame but ourselves."

YUGAL: Pinto, Gogic (Candy 115m), Tanoski, Ziras, Card, Pahor, Biollo, Zivkovic, Watson, Sunjic, Marton.

NORTH BANKSTOWN: Lockhardt, Pittman, Thompson, Parry, Peters, Charlesworth, Polle, Callinan (Bell 80m), Celarc, James, Stephenson.

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SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION SEMI-FINALS 3 v 4 MELITA STADIUM

1st Grade (2.45pm)	Sutherland	vs Rockdale Ilinden
2nd Grade (12.45pm)	Sutherland	vs Penrith City
3rd Grade (11am)	Penrith City	vs Rockdale Ilinden

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION SEMI-FINALS 1 v 2 MELITA STADIUM

1st Grade (2.45pm)	Melita Eagles	vs Manly Warringah
2nd Grade (12.45pm)	Melita Eagles	vs Warringah F/water
3rd Grade (11am)	Sutherland	vs Melita Eagles

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION FINALS — POTTS PARK

1st Grade (2.15pm)	Gladesville-Hornsby	vs North Bankstown
2nd Grade (noon)	Gladesville-Hornsby	vs Blacktown United
3rd Grade (10.30am)	Gladesville-Hornsby	vs Kingsford Hellenic

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION FINALS — POPEDETTE PARK

1st Grade (2.45pm)	North Ryde RSL	vs Granville Chile
2nd Grade (12.30pm)	Moorebank-L'pool	vs Granville Chile
3rd Grade (10.45am)	Baulkham Hills	vs Bondi Marine

GLADESVILLE KOs KINGSFORD

TWO breakaway goals gave Gladesville-Hornsby a decisive 2-0 victory over Kingsford Hellenic in the second sudden-death semi-final at Potts Park.

It was Gladesville's first win against Kingsford this year.

The opening session was fairly even and the first real chance came only in the 35th minute.

A Tommy Gavin corner found striker, Fab Soncin, whose six-metre shot was deflected off the goal-line to defender, Peter Berry, whose shot skirted the left post.

However, Kingsford's decision to play the off-side trap backfired in the closing minutes of the half when Gladesville capitalised on two defensive errors and punished them to the full.

In the 25th minute, striker Keith Rodwell broke the off-side trap and slotted the ball past keeper George Psaroutis, who was advancing off his line.

Five minutes later, an identical movement saw fellow striker, Dave Naylor take Gladesville to a handy 2-0 lead.

And had it not been for brilliant saves by Psaroutis from two point-blank shots, Gladesville could have pulled even further ahead.

In the second half, Kingsford tried in vain to narrow the margin but their attacks continually broke down when they reached the Gladesville penalty area.

Generally, Gladesville continued to dominate and broke swiftly down the flanks, causing the Kingsford defenders plenty of concern.

In the end, Gladesville thoroughly deserved to win and were perhaps unlucky not to score on at least two other occasions.

To cap off an exceptionally successful season for Gladesville, their two lower grade teams also registered wins to take them into their respective grand finals.

KINGSFORD: Psaroutis, Gillin, Cook (Cunningham 46m) Berry (Trainer 40m) Greenaway, Cross, Lowe, Latham, Soncin, Gavin, Ryan.

GLADESVILLE: Van Der Leeden, Hardwick, Sullivan, McNaughton, Simpson, Thompson (Stevenson 80m), Williamson, Dunn, Roughley, Naylor (Murphy 75m), Rodwell.

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The State League Story

MELITA'S REMARKABLE STATE LEAGUE RUN

NO wonder Melita Eagles are cock-a-hoop after their splendid victory in the NSW State League premiership.

This was always going to be a hard title to win. The fact that they did it in style with such a young side is a great credit to the players, the staff and the large management team.

As was shown by the administrative difficulties experienced by some clubs when the chips were down, an exacting management team is vital to give support and leadership to the on-field activities.

The old saying is that when the going gets tough, then the tough get going.

Actually it is the third time on which Melita has collected top honours in NSW.

They did it first in

1980, followed up in 1983 and then crowned their success this year.

The calibre of their playing staff is outstanding and they had the depth needed to overcome the difficult passages.

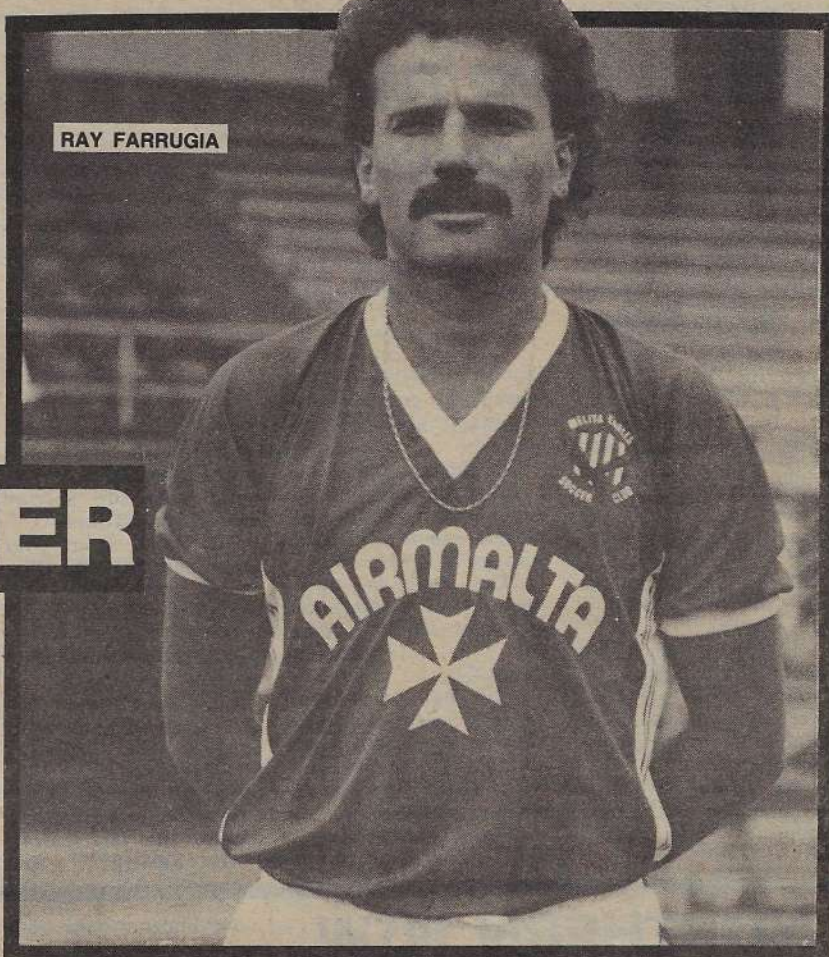
Two current stars are typical of the 1986 Melita Eagles story.

Former Maltese international Ray Farrugia has spurred the team on so often in the last and his shadow does not grow any less.

Then there is former Young Socceroo defender, Howard Tredinnick.

Along with his brother Peter, Howard is a product of the outstanding Newcastle Soccer nursery. Coming back from injury, he once again proved with a great prospect he is.

Coach Dennis Hoggart and his right man Jim Gallagher rode out the rough patches and then they brought the winner home.



RAY FARRUGIA

A YEAR TO REMEMBER



HOWARD TREDINNICK and LENNY VIAL are caught up in the celebrations of Melita's State League triumph.

MELITA secretary Sam Vella is under no illusions: "It has been a great year certainly but there is still a long way to go and plenty of work to do."

The high-flying Eagles didn't have the best start to the 1986 season but have come home with a mean swoop.

This is the club's 30th anniversary following the amalgamation of Melita and Malta Eagles back in 1956.

Two of the leading administrators at the club, Vella himself and president Lawrence Dimich were in fact prominent in the merger.

Sam formed Melita in 1953 (a long time ago) and Lawrie started the wheels in motion in 1955 for the Malta Eagles.

YOUTH POLICY

Melita's continued youth policy has paid dividends with no less than seven first team players all being under the age of 22.

The club has realised the need to develop and produce their own players and subsequently introduced the Youth Development and Incen-

tive Scheme (YDIS).

This scheme entails the chance to play under some of the top coaches in the State along with the opportunity of carrying off various awards. Along with this is the added bonus of possibly making the respective State sides.

Already six of the Melita youths made their various State teams this season, for which they were honoured at the recent presentation night.

The reserve side is completely under 21 yet their youth did not prevent them from carrying off first place.

The ultimate for any club player is to make the senior side and Melita is full of youthful exuberance. They carried off the minor premiership for the third time this season, the other two occasions being 1980 and 1983.

DIVIDENDS

The depth in Melita's squads is borne out when one consults the record books and it is shown that the Eagles have taken out the club championship on three occasions, namely in 1983-85-86. This in effect is three years running seeing 1984 was spent in the National League.

This season has provided the Melita people the opportunity to meet many dignitaries, the most notable being the Maltese President on February 15, the ex-Premier of NSW, Neville Wran on April 6 (who also officially opened the stand at Melita Stadium and on September 7 the Archbishop of Malta blessed the recently built stand.

But the upgrading of the stadium hasn't stopped there. Recently a development application has been approved by the local council for a hill to be built behind the northern goal.

This will give the effect of the Stadium being enclosed, with the big stand and hills around the perimeter. The grandstand itself will be closed in underneath and joined with the amenities block to enable a gymnasium and activity area to be built.

GETTING BETTER

Facilities are being improved all the time in an attempt, the Melita people say, to make the ground the best in NSW.

Sam Vella had mixed feelings about the end results of this season's State League and the

overall destiny of the NSW competition.

"I'm obviously delighted that we have won the minor premiership. But I am equally as disappointed in there not being promotion to the National League.

"Against that next season's State competition looks invitingly interesting. Yet crowd support in the State League could well be a problem. Melita has always done well in this respect. Our crowds are big and loyal. They travel to away games, unlike many others.

"It is sad to see the position Avala are in.

They are a club trying to build up and they have good support. There are about four clubs in the League that can hold their own when it comes to crowds, as for the others, well..."

Melita's administrators have always worked very hard at improving the club and are always looking ahead.

The Miss Melita Ball for instance was a real money spinner. They packed 700 into the Bankstown Civic Centre and could have accommodated 1000 had it been at a bigger venue.

The various committees are all raising funds. The club has a sub-committee, and the Supporters Group whose chairman is Jim Micallef. Then there is the Ladies Auxiliary chaired by Doris Caruana and the Youth sub-committee. Eddie Gili is the chairman there.

BACKERS

The sponsors and supporters of the club are plentiful. In the early days the Phoenician club was right behind

the Melita Eagles, the support dropped off for a while but now both parties are working very much in harmony once more.

In fact the Broadway-based club helped Melita with the building of the amenities block at the Stadium and many of the members of the club are Melita supporters.

But the major help comes from sponsors AIR MALTA (1st Grade), STARLINE MOTORS of Granville (Reserves) and BANK of

VALLETTA (Third Grade). The Youth sides are also sponsored by supporters.

Now with the semi-finals kicking off this weekend Melita have made it clear that Grand Final victory is the aim of all the grades and with the scoring - especially in the firsts - evenly shared the opposition will have a hard time stopping the Eagles. Top scorer at the moment is Wayne Farnsworth with seven goals but Ray Farrugia has five.

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Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

BULLI'S GRAND FINAL RECORD TO CHANGE?

BULLI will be out to break their grand final jinx when they take the field against the winner of the Fernhill-Warilla final at Memorial Park on Sunday.

Norm Flanagan's team have played in the last two grand finals, losing to Fernhill and Aris after starting favourites both times.

This season they have gone through the premier league undefeated, emulating the feat of the powerful Fairy Meadow side in 1979.

Flanagan said he couldn't have been more pleased with his side after they disposed of Fernhill 3-1 in the major semi-final.

"We could have had half a dozen goals; they completely demoralised Fernhill but we have

found out in the last two seasons the grand final is something else," Flanagan said.

"In the last two years I was really confident we could pull it off but my players seem to 'freeze' with grand final nerves.

"They looked a completely different team and had trouble doing the most elementary things."

With key midfielder Tony Charnock back after an overseas trip the midfield looks powerful with Ron Van Edge playing soundly.

David Quetcher is likely to be back in the

field this week after missing the semi-final with a knee problem.

Up front, the two rangy front-runners, Ron Van der Voorde and Kevin Lewis will pose problems for any defence while centre-half Gary Mann is rated among the three most talented players in the league.

Bulli's reserves, coached by Dave Molison, have also qualified for their grand final on Sunday and they also have a powerful line-up, the club having easily captured the prestigious club championship.

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The bid to regionalise Illawarra Soccer went a step further when Mittagong won the second division grand final.

The team from over the mountain beat Dapto 3-2, grabbing the winner just seconds from the end, after having taken the championship at their first attempt.

In recent times the ISA has accepted teams from Mittagong, Shoalhaven, Campbelltown and Picton, Picton having won the second division title last season. Mittagong are

coached by Ziggy Spilarawicz, who is best known for his days as a striker with Hakoah in the State League.

His is still playing with Mittagong and intends continuing in first division next season along with former Auburn player Gerry Dorans.

The club has a very good playing set-up at the Renwick Children's Home and have lights for training.

Club spokesman Doug Barker says they have a very strong junior nursery and will have no trouble forming a youth squad now they are in first division.

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Aris striker John Gooding had a dismal end to the season, being suspended for six weeks after receiving a red card in the Bampton Cup final against Bulli.

He was charged with head-butting and faced a much longer suspension.

The club asked for a judiciary hearing and on the evidence presented it was decided he would be out for six weeks.

Team-mate Steve Quirk and Bulli's Peter Beggs were also sent off

but when they asked for a hearing both were cleared and played in semi-finals with their clubs the next weekend.

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South Coast Croatia certainly do things in style when it comes to end-of-season trips.

The club finished second in first division this season and will be promoted to premier league and the players will be well rewarded.

A party of 25 players are off to Tasmania and Melbourne for 10 days, culminating with games in the Croatian national knockout in Melbourne.

Secretary Ivan Spanicek said the players raised some of the money themselves by selling raffle tickets.

The trip includes air fares and all accommodation and Spanicek said he would rather not divulge the total cost.

Makes State League players green with envy.

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Soccer committees are a funny breed.

Fairy Meadow finished "rock bottom" of the State league but in

the last game managed their fourth win of the season when they beat rivals Macedonia 1-0.

Secretary Walter Chichkan admitted the win cost in the vicinity of \$900 in match payments but they were happy to pay it.

"There is a lot of keen rivalry between the clubs and although the two points were of no value to either team we wanted to win," he said.

"It means a lot to our players to be able to say they beat Macedonia."

Fairy Meadow have already started advertising for their coach for next season and there had been three inquiries before the last game was played.

Larry Ashbolt, who took over when Mike Johnson left mid-season, would like to stay on as coach or any other capacity with the club.

"Larry has done a very good job in difficult circumstances this season and he is keen to stay associated with Fairy Meadow," Chichkan said.

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The Illawarra premier league player of the year

will be announced at the ISA presentation night on October 10.

Last season it was Fernhill striker Peter Thompson but the odds are this year's winner will come from Bulli.

The winner's identity is kept secret with points allocated every week by referees.

Bulli players received just five yellow cards in competition games all season and were unbeaten champions.

It would seem logical one of their players might be best and fairest for 1986.

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One coach who is quite happy to stay with his present club in 1987 is Fernhill's Gerry Walker.

He said Fernhill have a very good set-up at Towradgi Park, the committee do everything they can to help him and he has a good squad of players.

"I am very happy with the club and there are some very good young players on the way up through the two minor grade sides," Walker said.

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NORTHERN NSW NOT BEATEN

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE Northern NSW team returned from the recent Under-16 National Championship after finishing the tournament in fifth place.

But the boys' heads were anything but bowed by the result, for they and the eventual winner, NSW, remained undefeated.

Coached by the former ACT Director of Coaching, Les Bee, and

managed by the Former Austral United, Wallsend and Northern NSW representative goalkeeper, Joe Lanzoni, the team improved with every game and produced some outstanding prospects in the process.

Joe Lanzoni said that the team was the best behaved he had been away with and, in five games, only one of the players had received a yellow card.

Two for whom Lanzoni reserved special mention were the Port Macquarie pair, centre back Dean McWhirter and central midfielder Stephen Tyson.

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HUNDREDS of Newcastle and Coalfields Soccer

followers were saddened by the recent death of Mr Jim Bellamy, following a stroke.

For decades, Jim was a popular administrator who gave great administrative service to Northern clubs Belmont, Weston and, more recently, Belmont-Swansea United.

He also lent his support to the now defunct Newcastle KB United when his multi-talented son, Ossie, was a member of its playing squad. More than one Bel-

mont-Swansea supporter commented on hearing of the Bellamy family's loss: "Jim will be a hard man to replace."

That is a sentiment that is shared by all who knew him and one that will echo for a long time around the playing area at Blacksmiths Park, the home of the Belswans.

"Dean McWhirter was one of the outstanding players at the tournament and he and Mark Tully remained in Sydney for an extra week for coaching under Bruce Stowell and Vic Dalgligh.

"They were among the 24 players under consideration for the national under-15 team."

Lanzoni also gave credit to goalkeeper Chris Jolly, who played in the last three games and did not allow a shot to pass him. And that included saving two penalty kicks!

The Northern NSW team's results were:

Drew 2-2 with Western Australia; drew 1-1 with Tasmania; drew 0-0 with Queensland; beat ACT 2-0; beat South Australia 1-0.

Ossie Bellamy, a top-class goalkeeper, capable cricketer and a champion ballroom dancer, coached Newcastle Macedonia in this year's Northern NSW Second Division premiership.

Despite the grief of his father's death, Ossie decided to play the following day when Belmont eliminated Macedonia 2-0 in the minor semi-final.

Commenting on his decision to play, Ossie said: "Dad would have come back and kicked my backside, if I hadn't."

Tasmania South

WITH "VAN DIEMEN"

BURNIE BOWS OUT WITH A LATE WIN

BURNIE UNITED bowed out of the Honeychurch Cup competition after winning their final first round game, 2-1, at Montello Park.

Launceston Juventus and Devonport will face each other in the Final. Burnie struggled in the first half of their game against Riverside Olympic, due mainly to a strong breeze. Olympic had Burnie pinned in their half of the ground and Rob Smith was called on to halt many forward moves.

As early as the sixth minute when an Olympic corner to the near post was back-headed onto the bar, did the visitors show that they were determined to travel home with two points.

Olympic scored in the ninth minute, but it was disallowed for offside.

Burnie continually

punctured the game with their offside play but, once, in the 38th minute it didn't work.

Olympic beat the offside trap as a ball was played through to Stewart who took it for 20m before he shot low from the edge of the penalty box, slotting it wide of Smith for number one.

The second half started out in the same fashion as the first as Olympic, this time playing into the breeze, pushed and prodded the Burnie defence, being unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions.

However, luck won out for Burnie as, in the 56th minute Denton converted a penalty decision to tie the game up

again. Suddenly, Burnie were back in the game.

Olympic were dealt a body-blow and found their composure shattered as Burnie found new hope.

Referee Anderson awarded Olympic a penalty and this gave them a chance to get on top again, but Stewart's shot was poorly weighted and Smith pushed it away for a corner.

Then the third penalty of the game went to Burnie. Denton coolly walked up and slotted it past Peters into the opposite corner to give his side the lead.

Burnie held on to their lead and, as the game drew to a close, it seemed that Olympic had resigned themselves to the fact that they would leave the ground pointless.

On the other hand, Juventus had a field day against Western Suburbs winning the game by nine goals to assure themselves of a finals berth.

Peter Savill came out of the Juve defence where he has been stationed almost exclusively since his arrival in

Tasmania in 1980 to hit four goals. Maybe Juve have found a new striker!

Roger Mies hit a hat-trick and leading striker Colin Guest and Gale also took opportunities.

On this form it seems that Juventus should go in as favourites for the Final against Devonport.

Juventus won the inaugural Honeychurch Cup in 1985 and looks set to make it two in a row.

Results (Rd 4 of Honeychurch Cup):

Georgetown d Western Suburbs 2-0, Juventus 9 (Savill, 4, Mies, 3, C. Guest, Gale) d Western Suburbs 0, Ulverstone 5 (Jones, 2, McGrory, Salliese, Howe) d Launceston United 1 (Gambols), Burnie 2 (Denton, 2) d Riverside Olympic 1 (Stewart).

Ladders (after Rd 4):

Group A						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Juventus	4	4	0	0	19	4 8
Croatia	4	3	0	1	10	4 6
Georgetown	4	1	0	3	6	7 2
Matric	4	1	0	3	2	9 2
Western Subs.	4	1	0	3	4	17 2
Group B						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Devonport	4	3	1	0	10	4 7
Ulverstone	4	3	0	1	10	3 6
Burnie	4	2	1	1	4	3 5
Launce. Utd	4	1	0	3	8	12 2
Riv. Olympic	4	0	0	4	2	12 0

PETER WILSON:

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costly players in the country.

Marconi bought him from South Coast United for \$6000 in 1971. The following year he went back to South Coast, then called Safetyway United, for a transfer fee of \$12,500 and in 1974 he joined Western Suburbs, for \$9000. That makes a total of \$27,500 in transfers, not counting the signing-on fees Wilson received every time he switched. It may not sound much in Rugby League or Australian Rules terms, but in the language of Australian Soccer, Peter Wilson was the Six Million Dollar Man.

Wilson first won a place in the national team for the visit to Vietnam in early 1970,

as substitute for Alan Marnoch who was unavailable. He became national captain when Johnny Warren was injured in 1971.

Success followed him around. In his first year with South Coast, the club won its first ever championship. Marconi won the Sydney Grand final after Wilson joined the club and it was also runner-up in the State Cup and semi-finalist in the Ampol Cup. In 1974 he led Western Suburbs to the Ampol up and Rothmans Cup finals but unfortunately Wests had to make do with second place.

Being a Soccer star didn't make things all that rosy for Peter and his wife, Robyn. He, like many other national team players, lost four jobs because of the time he had to devote to the green and gold. This resulted in financial difficulties, which were aggravated by low payments of the Socceroos

by the ASF. During the 1975 series against the USSR, the players received only a \$20-a-day allowance, minus about \$4 tax. It got so bad that at one stage the players hired a manager Peter Muscat, to do their negotiating for them.

Wilson rates Australia's match against the eventual 1974 world champion, West Germany, as the most memorable of his career. "You'd heard so much about them, then you played against them and found out that they were even better than you had expected. Players like Beckenbauer and Overath and Mueller were unbelievable. Beckenbauer is the greatest, most incredible player I have ever seen.

He rates Streich of East Germany, Mueller of West Germany, Edu of Santos, Spiegler of Israel and John Duncan of Dundee as the finest forwards he has played against.

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

BIG QUESTIONS OVER NSL AT BRISBANE ROTHMANS NIGHT

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation President Sir Arthur George is certain to be greeted by an interested audience when he is the guest speaker for the Queensland Rothman's Medal function in Brisbane on October 1.

With the NSL axe now having fallen on the Queensland sides, there are many in the Sunshine state very interested to hear the Australian Soccer supremo's views on the game's future.

It has been four years since Sir Arthur George addressed a Soccer crowd in Brisbane and obviously much has transpired since then. It also is two years since he told a gathering of journalists in Sydney, including Queensland press men, that the two division national league was the correct set-up for Australia.

The press men at least, not to mention quite a few club officials, are eager to hear where we went wrong.

This year's Rothman's medal presentation night will be held away from Perry Park, Queensland Soccer headquarters, for the first time in its 13-year history. Quite simply, the function has outgrown the Queensland Soccer club and this year will be staged at the Mayfair Crest Hotel.

Last year's Rothman's Medal winner was Craig Low, then with premier league club Olympic

United but since transferred back to Lions.

Other winners of the Queensland Gold Medal have included Kevin Caldwell (1974), Michael Rooney (1975), Wim Spiekerman (1976), Colin Knott (1977), Ian Steele (1978), Steve Dolan (1979), Ken Gordon (1980), Mark Brusasco (1981), Ken Swan (1982 and 83) and Ron Millman (1984).

While Swan, now with XXXX League club, is the only player to win the coveted medal twice, many are tipping Brusasco to match the feat.

The 25-year-old son of QSF President Ian Brusasco, has been in scintillating form for crack XXXX League side Coalstars this season. He has formed a lethal partnership with former state striker Dave Wheeler that has assured the Bundamba side of a place in this weekend's major semi-final against North Star.

But there are a num-

ber of other players in the running for the Gold Medal.

Former Lions NSL striker Jim McDonagh, who transferred to XXXX League club Easts this weekend and finished with a double-figure goal haul is another popular fancy. But the Tigers' late season slump could go against McDonagh.

Brusasco's team-mate Mark McNaughton is another tipped to do well this season but his absence in several matches in the second round due to a knee injury, and the fact that he will be polling against Brusasco, could go against him and perhaps even both of them.

Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp is the "form" pick if past years are an indication. The former Gisborne City midfielder has been among the leading votegetters since he made the switch across the Tasman three years ago.

North Star players could be in a similar position to Coalstar with players taking votes off each other but Gerry Lindsay, Gordon Buchanan and Billy Williamson are likely to be among those who poll well.

Taringa's Mark Gilbert, who lost on a countback to Low last year, should do well again but his team-mate

Calvin Daunt, a signing from Lions this season, should also poll well.

Olympic United might provide its second consecutive winner with Mike Milovanovic, Mike Cernaka and Gordon Otto among the fan-favorites. Ipswich United's best hopes could be Randall McKeand and Peter Vogler, Lions should have a show with Tom McGregor and Michael Mallett, Thistle's David Payne could attract votes and Wynnum's hope rests with Billy McDermott.

GRANGE NEEDS TO REBUILD

GRANGE Thistle, one of the oldest clubs in Queensland, is looking to West Germany to help restore its team to a XXXX League power.

Thistle's Football Committee chairman George Pagan this month will head off to West Germany where he will lead a group of Queensland youngsters to a training camp at Hennef near Bonn.

While in Germany, Pagan will meet with several longtime contacts and hopefully organise up to three imports for the Thistle.

Thistle have gone through some barren years in recent times and this season finished second bottom in the league, avoiding relegation by one place. But they did it more comfortably than that suggested and were seven points above of last-placed Wynnum.

Meanwhile the club has offered its favorite son, midfielder Steve Dolan, the coaching position for next season. Current coach Kim Cox is returning to Sunshine Coast next year, leaving the position vacant.

The 30-year-old Dolan, a former Queensland representative, will notify the club of his decision within the next week but it understood to be in two minds. He already is committed to the Brisbane North Under 13 representative side and this season coached the Thistle Colts.

Dolan said he was reluctant to leave coaching the kids, who gave him great enjoyment.

If Dolan declines the offer, the club is expected to advertise for a new man to lead the revival.



MIKE MILOVANOVIC stretches out.

UGLY RUMOURS PLAGUE THE LOWER DIVISIONS

SEVERAL lower division Brisbane clubs would not want to cry poor at the end of this season after being linked to stories of cash offers to other teams to stage upsets results.

Most of the stories centred around the intermediate league which supplies one team to re-

place the relegated side in the XXXX League. The competition in the League in the final weeks of the season was intense as a number of clubs bid for the promotion berth.

And talk of financial incentives being offered was rife.

No club would talk openly or admit to giving or receiving incentives, but the rumors were strong. They included a story of a \$1000 payment between a mid-

table club and a relegation threatened side and smaller offers from two well-performed teams for sides to beat their table rivals.

The Queensland Soccer Federation acknowledged the rumours but refused to stage a major investigation, as requested by some, as it claimed there was not enough evidence.

But the matter no doubt has been filed away for possible later reference.

EASTS AIM TO SNARE SCOTSMAN JOHN SIME

EASTERN Suburbs has joined the growing list of Queensland XXXX League clubs which have already re-appointed their coaches for next season.

Following Ipswich United's decision three weeks before the end of the season to stick with Matt Carson for 1987, Easts have followed suit by offering John Sime a contract for next season.

Easts President Ross Melville said his club had no hesitation in offering Sime his second term.

"We have seen the progress our team has made over the last two

years and with the addition of one or two new players we could well be the top side this year," Melville said.

Easts were in fact the early season pacesetters and looked set to fight out with North Star with President's Cup first round leaders. But the Tigers challenge slumped mid-season as the team lost four on the trot.

Sime, a Scotsman who played a handful of NSL matches with Lions, is now setting about finalising contracts for next season with his players. He already has bought some big name imports to the club including former Lions NSL strikers Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh. The pair have netted more than 20 goals between them.

Sime also signed midfielder Carl Scott from Hong Kong and has had the services of former Lions, Brisbane City and APIA Leichhardt player Allan Hughes.

Scott is yet to sign for next season but Sime and Melville are keen to retain him at Heath Park.

"Carl will develop into one of the competition's playmakers now he has settled in," Melville said. "He's adjusting to the vigorous style of play in Australia after being used to a more clinical build-up. He originally found the game her much faster."

Other players who have matured and improved under Sime's coaching include Brad Ryan, Alan Melville and youngster Richard Chamberlain.

BIG MAJOR SEMI-FINAL BATTLE OF THE STARS

QUEENSLAND'S XXXX League pacesetters Coalstars and North Star are fast getting used to each other.

And little wonder. By the end of the season the two clubs could have faced each other in five key matches.

Apart from meeting in the first round and again in the final match of the season last weekend which decided the league premiership, the two sides also met in the final of the Ampol Cup — which Coalstars won.

And after finishing 1-2 in this year's XXXX League they will line-up against each other again this weekend for the major semi-final. And many are tipping the two teams to be matched again for the \$10,000 grand final.

The two clubs stole the limelight in what was

the most thrilling end to the Queensland season for years.

Coming into the final round of fixtures, Coalstars held a one point lead over North Star after having a three point lead whittled away, and the battle for the minor places was just as intense.

Olympic United and Mount Gravatt clashed for third place while Easts, a point away in fifth had to beat Wynnum to force their way into the four and dislodge one of the other two.

It has been a tremendous year for both North Star and Coalstars who are only relative newcomers to the top league when considering the histories of teams like Grange Thistle, and Ipswich United (St Helen's).

Five years ago North Star were playing in the lower divisions but some farsighted planning by club officials and a power junior base saw them go from strength to

strength at an almost unbelievable rate. The club worked to achieve impressive targets in 1985 and 1986 but suffered its first major setback this year when the side lost the Ampol Cup.

The defeat threatened to rot through the team and ruin their season, but player coach Iain Fagan worked hard to get his side back on the rails and back into premiership contention.

After years of playing in neighbours Ipswich United's shadow, Coalstars have come into their own this season and are relishing the limelight. The club bought sensibly in recent times under the direction of astute coach Brian Styles and looks a hard side to beat in the finals.

The semi-final doubleheader will be followed by the preliminary final next week with the grand final day set down for Sunday, October 5.



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THRILLING CLIMAX TO OAK SCHOOLBOY SOCCER

THE Oak Dairy Company sponsored "Bill Turner Cup" came to a thrilling climax at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on the nights of August 19 and 20.

Cardiff High defeated J.J. Cahill, Mascot 1-0 in a brilliant grand final which could only be described as part of an extraordinary two nights of schoolboy soccer.

The final was a thriller. Both sides had lifted their thoughts towards nothing but victory. This was the prize they had prepared and battled for since February.

Cardiff were there, but only just. On no less than four occasions in previous matches they had come from behind to win. Coach Doug Mungaven figuratively had his fingernails chewed down to his elbows already and there was still one to go.

J.J. Cahill was also a survivor with four 2-1 victories, a penalty kick win and a 1-0 semi-final success. Coach, Mr Morris Needleman, a man of steady disposition was feeling the pressure.

They had defeated Canterbury without two top players, suspended following their clash with Kelso of Bathurst, but now they were back to full strength.

Even so, finals can do strange things to people no matter what grade it is.

The Mascot boys appeared to be more than a trifle overawed by the bigger and stronger Cardiff side. For 10 minutes they struggled to find their feet.

It was in the 11th minute that Peter Lahanas gave the Cardiff supporters near heart failure and how skipper Jamie Haswell cleared is still a mystery.

But it was the signal for which the Jet Watchers had been waiting. They now realised that they had the ability, oodles of it, to beat the northerners.

For the rest of the first half they had the Cardiff boys chasing shadows. On occasions Cardiff did manage a thrust into the J.J. Cahill half but it was short lived.

Big Nestor Cuceres the goalkeeper and the back four quickly wrapped up the Cardiff attack.

Nil-all at lemons suggested that there was plenty on offer in the second half and the fans were right.

Both teams were lifted by the fact that their headmasters had come to see the game. Mr Barry Kelly was there to spur on the Cardiff lads while Mr Tom Symonds had motored up from Sydney to support the lads of whom he was very proud.

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The second session started as the first had finished. Wise heads were asking the question, "When will the Sydney lads score?"

But it was not to be. Cardiff had been there before — several times. Jamie Haswell marshalled his troops well. Peter Lahanas tried several times to break the dead-

lock, John Zouroudis nearly made it, George Mitris tried hard, others too.

And it was not always down that end. Young 13-year-old Bernie Tasevski started one movement that Michael Blackely almost converted, as he had against Whitbudge the night before. It just sailed over the bar. Danen Pinkowski had his chances. Craig Tait slipped through once or twice.

GOAL

Extra-time and penalties once again looked a certain bet. On a point score basis J.J. Cahill were in front 54 to 46 but there was no goal.

Minutes to go before Referee Dennis Jackson would blow full time Alan Gilday took charge of the ball near the centre circle and sliced through to his right. Outside the penalty area he chipped to the left where Jason Rozario ran onto the ball.

With the J.J. Cahill defenders committed to moving to his left, he wrong footed them all by heading deftly to his right and the ball gently bounced over the line and into the net.

It looked a soft goal but it wasn't. It was



A GROUP of youngsters gained scholarships from the Terry Greedy Soccer Clinic, held at Seymour Shaw Park Miranda in the recent school holidays. Pictured with the former Australian international goalkeeper, left to right, are Troy Moore, Peter Moon, Justin Abeleven, Adam Bodbeck, Anthony Bool, Nick Sutherden and Peter Kypreos.

sheer magic. The brilliant J.J. Cahill defenders couldn't believe it.

Cardiff had don't it again. They had come back against the odds. They were ecstatic. The local crowd went wild.

Time ran out and the blast of Mr Jackson's whistle brought to an end the 1986 Bill Turner Cup series.

Oh yes, some tears flowed, some of joy and some of bitter disappointment — a part of the experience of maturing.

The Cardiff boys have never been hugged so

much in all their lives but they savored every moment.

THE CUP

Soon it was time for the after match ceremony. In true FA Cup style Cardiff walked up the stand and across to the officials. On hand was Bill Turner to present the Cup to the victorious captain Jamie Haswell.

Having received the cup and having the necessary photographs taken Jamie Haswell raised the cup above his

head and the roar was deafening.

Mr Alan Taylor from the marketing division of the Oak Dairy Company presented winners pennants but not before each member of the team took a turn at holding up the cup and enjoying their own personal roar from the crowd.

A dejected but gallant J.J. Cahill side trooped across to receive their runners up pennants from the Oak Sales Rep-

resentative Mr Barry Black. They were warmly applauded by the large crowd.

Cardiff High 1 (Jason Rozario) defeated J.J. Cahill Memorial High Mascot 0. Referee Mr Dennis Jackson. Crowd: 762.

NEXT WEEK: CANTERBURY BOYS, J.J. CAHILL, WHITE-BRIDGE & CARDIFF IN THE RUN TO THE FINAL

Congratulations must go to Terry Hampton, the senior co-ordinator who controlled the nightly organisation with consummate ease.

Ably assisted by Dudley Lewis and Barry Kemp, there was hardly a hiccup during the whole proceedings.

Terry will step down during the 1987 season as he will be overseas, but the experienced

Barry Kemp, who did the job before Terry, will return to the top position. Barry teaches at Kurri Kurri High School.

☆☆☆
The Oak Dairy Company supplied dozens of cartons of flavoured milk for the players at the conclusion of each game. It was a well appreciated gesture.

AUBURN URUGUAY SOCCER YOUTH LEAGUE

1987 Youth League Soccer trials to be held at Mona Park, Auburn every Monday and Thursday.

Trials for Under 13s & Under 14s — Monday 15s and 16s — Thursday 13s and 14s.

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Amateurs, Juniors and Schools

SUCCESS FOR BROOKVALE 15s

BROOKVALE under 15 team had a splendid record in the Manly Warringah Soccer Association 1st Division competition this year.

They won both the minor and major premierships, taking out the grand final with a mammoth 6-0 victory over the Fishermen's Club. The record over the season reads: won 18, drew 2, lost 0; goals for 106, against 11. The boys are the pride and joy of Brookvale Soccer Club. They have been together for four years and have won the competition on three occasions.

Coach Rocky Carlino has every reason to be happy. Sadly his assistant Mick Pedulla passed away just a few weeks ago.

The boys represented Manly Warringah district in the NSW championship of Champions series in Wagga Wagga last week.

AUSTRALIAN U16 SQUAD SELECTED

THE Australian Under 16 squad will have only ten days in camp to get their combination into shape before they leave for the Oceania elimination round of the World Under 16 Cup.

They will compete in Taiwan from December 4/11 against Chinese Taipei, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The prize is a place in the World finals which begins in Canada on July 12 1987.

The squad includes four players from Northern NSW, the winners of the National Championships in Canberra last May.

They are John Russell, Craig McGregor, Dean McWhirter and Steven Brown.

NSW also gained four representatives and Victoria three.

Coach Vic Dalglish said: "At this early stage it is hard to rate them in comparison with the team that went to China for the first championships last year."

"This will be a deal bigger team and they will be particularly good in the air."

Bruce Stowell, the Queensland Director of Coaching, will assist Dalglish as well as Nick Joy of Queensland, the physiotherapist.

Steve Georgiakis, a 15 year old who plays sweeper or stopper with the Sydney Olympic under 19 Youth team, is one of the stars.

He normally plays left-back with NSW midfielder Stefan Jee, a youngster who trained with Southampton and who has been asked to return, is in the squad.

He is also with Sydney Olympic.

The squad is: John Russell, Craig McGregor, Dean McWhirter, Steven Brown (N.S.W.), Steve Georgiakis, Stefan Jee, Steven Dimoudis, Paul Rego (NSW), Kieran Lennon, Steve Horvat, Steve Mautone (Vic), Greg Mills, John Christopoulos (SA), Dominic Longo (Tas), Terry Nicolaou (WA), Darren Frieberg (Qld).

The stand-by players are Tony Marco, John Cosentina (NSW), Mark Tully (N.S.W.) and Guy Rigby (Qld).

CHOICE OF TWO WORLDS FACES DAVID SCOTT

DAVID SCOTT has been living on the horns of a dilemma. What does a 17 year old lad do when he is chosen to represent in two tours which run at about the same time.

It is all very difficult.

After playing for NSW in the Australian Schools Championship in August David won selection for Australia in the schoolboys tour of New Zealand in almost four months' time.

The trouble was that he had already been picked for NSW for the tour of West Germany, Switzerland and Hong Kong.

Well, when it came to the crunch, David settled for the three-week European trip.

But, as it turns out, he may well be able to have his cake and eat it.

At 17 he is in the Australian Youth squad, which will play the early game to Australia — New Zealand at Parramatta Stadium on November 2.

It looks as if he could be playing for Australia there, and then for NSW in Europe.

David, who comes from out Greystanes way, reckons more schoolboy representative play could be on the way.

After all he is only in form 11 at this stage.

In addition he is a prominent youth team player with Blacktown City.



DAVID SCOTT

MELITA EAGLES YOUTH LEAGUE

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15s and 16s on September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 19 and 26.

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Enquiries: Mr Eddie Gill
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Group Two 1987 Youth League Trials

Selection Trials will be held at:

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Dates for trials are:

Sunday September 28 and Sunday October 5

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CANTERBURY M.O. YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Canterbury Marrickville Olympic Soccer Club are now conducting their Youth League trials for the 1987 Season.

The trials to be held are for our Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s Youth League squads for 1987.

Trials are being held every Sunday morning over the next four weeks starting at 9.30am sharp at:

STEELE PARK
Illawarra Road,
MARRICKVILLE NSW

Focus on

MIKE COADY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S reliable 27 year old centre-back Mike Coady is undecided about his playing future, and is returning to England immediately after the Top Five Series is over.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your letter to
PO Box 406 Broadway,
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Please keep them all brief —
preferably typed.

GRANVILLE CHILE ARE THE TOP

I WRITE this letter as a fan of Granville Chile, the team participating in State League Third Division.

I would very much appreciate it if you would publish this letter in your very informative paper, which I read every week.

Granville Chile Soccer Club this year has achieved a superb result. After finishing the competition they are the champions with 33 points, at the top of the table with 12 wins, 9 draws and one loss.

A great Soccer fan, I congratulate this wonderful team, its coach and the directors of Granville Chile. Despite all the inconveniences they have managed to pull through with great success.

Granville Chile
for ever
Harris Park

RESPECT AND JUSTICE

I AM a Soccer follower, a lover, a worker and administrator for years.

In my family Soccer is a religion. During my 25

years of Soccer activity I have come across the huge problems of our sport.

It is a pity, but there are so many and they make the progress very very slow.

Australia can become a power in this sport but we have to face and fight all these problems that destroy so many people's efforts.

For four years now my two sons (18-19) play for a club which for years, was a credit to the game in this country.

I am a Greek but I never wanted the sentimentality to spoil their enjoyment and their credibility.

I took them to Yugal SFC became I always admired Yugoslav Soccer and because I knew that they would get good treatment.

Leaving aside the treatment of the press and the media — which does not exist for all smaller clubs and lower divisions — they have to cope with the ignorance of the controlling bodies and the discrimination by the Kings of the game — the referees and linesmen.

Soccer cannot survive and of course go ahead when the referees know nothing about the Rules, the stature of the teams that play Soccer and most of

The pleasant-natured Coady was originally enticed to come from England to play for Sydney Olympic by former club coach, Duggie Collins back in May 1982.

With Coady's immediate inclusion in Olympic's central defence, the team gained a degree of consistency that the historically volatile club had never achieved before.

"I am very undecided at this stage over next year," Coady told ASW.

"I wouldn't really mind coming back, but I will be having talks with Olympic's president, Mr Tom Doumanis in the next couple of weeks to discuss my future."

"In the meantime I will be going back to England with my wife Jacqueline for a holiday."

Mike is not your normal rough tackling centre-back who relies upon moving into an opponent to chop him down.

Watch this former English First Division defender at his work and you will see that he moves into his attacker with his concentration focussed on winning the ball.

His tackling has style and class which invariably does not result in free-kicks being awarded against his team.

When I asked Mike about Sydney Olympic's overall achievements this season, the quiet Englishman answered...

"Well we didn't achieve much did we?"

"I think our main problem was that we didn't get enough goals all year in games that really mattered."

all when they do not induce respect and justice.

With no rules and no justice there is no Soccer, there is no love and no progress although there always will be some elements of injustice.

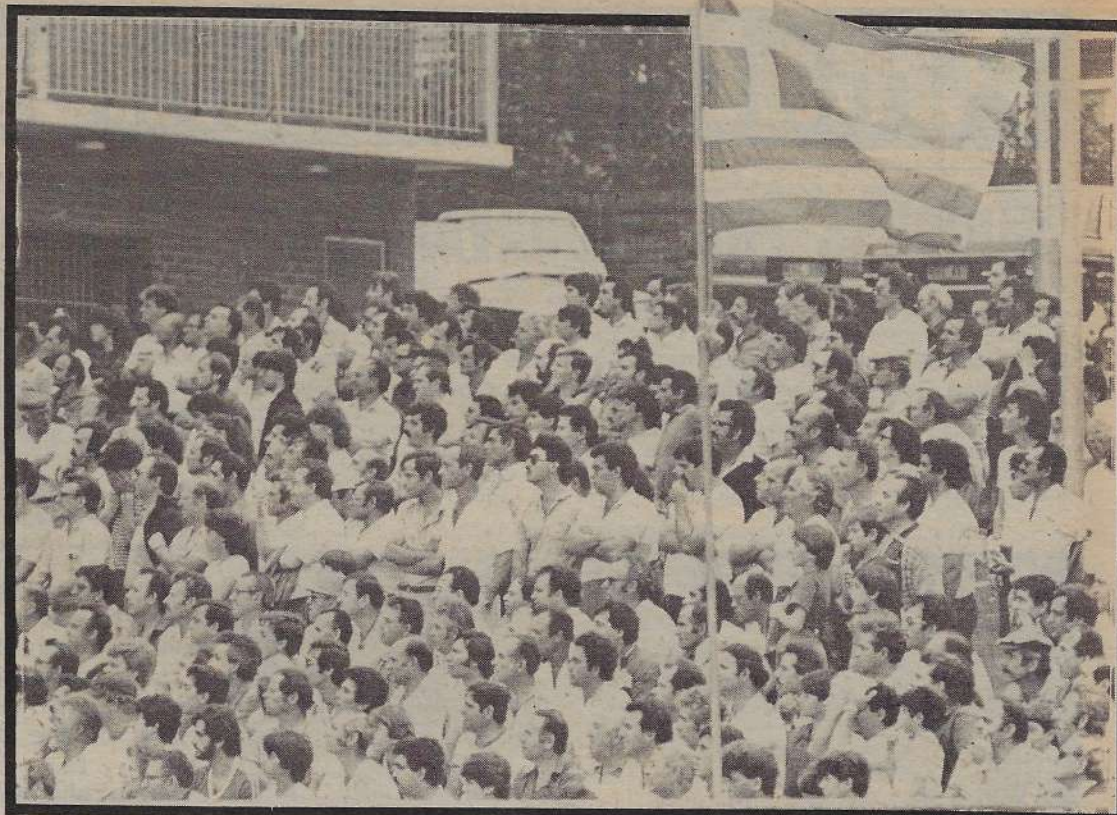
In the four years my sons have played for Yugal I have witnessed some unbelievable things going on in the games.

I have seen referees who honestly do not know the basic rules of the game, let alone the logic of refereeing.

I intended writing a letter many many times but my love for the game and the thousands of good workers — including referees — stopped me.

I know very well the administration problems which exist even in the referee panels, but it is time to say few things just because I love the game.

Last Saturday my boys' teams the 2nd



SYDNEY OLYMPIC fans in plentiful supply.

"As far as Olympic is concerned, we do have the players with the ability...and plenty of ability at that."

"But on many occasions during the year, they lacked commitment and just couldn't deliver on the pitch what they can really do."

"I was very disappointed that we didn't win the League. We led the competition for so many weeks and were undefeated for over three months at the beginning."

Coady's character, ability and above all his experience is invaluable to the Sydney Olympic club.

Mike Coady is the only English First Division footballer to have played for Olympic.

He made his debut in the English First Division with Sunderland at the age of 17.

In his first match, which was against Manchester United, Sunderland's coach made Coady mark the giant Scottish centre-forward, Joe Jordan.

Although Jordan gave Coady a tough time by

constantly smashing the young lad in the mouth with his elbows, Coady kept coming back and back and never once let go.

The final scoreline showed that Sunderland had drawn with the great Manchester United, and Coady's tenacity had played its part.

BORN: October 1, 1958.
BIRTHPLACE: Durham, England.

OCCUPATION: Professional player.

PLAYING POSITION: Centre-back. In his earlier days, Mike played as a midfielder.

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Jacqueline and they both have a 30 months old daughter, Rebecca.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Sunderland, Carlisle, Sydney Olympic, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sydney Olympic.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER:

"Losing matches and some poor refereeing this season. But I would say a most annoying thing here in Australia for players would have to be the very poor

ground surfaces we have to play on."

ADVICE FOR PREPARING AUSTRALIA FOR THE 1990 WORLD CUP IN ROME: "Australia has a great task ahead of them to qualify for 1990."

"It is always very hard to qualify for any World Cup, but Australia even if she wins her group, has to back up against a South American country."

"It will be a giant struggle, especially as the current National squad does not really have the class of players to achieve this."

"There are many kids playing the game here so it would be good if planning started at grass-roots level. Far better coaching and encouragement must be extended to the juniors. Australia has too many distractions for kids, including other sports and great weather conditions."

FAVOURITE FOOD: Basic red meat and spaghetti.

FILM STARS: Meryl Streep.

OTHER SPORTS: Golf and tennis.

THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO: "I enjoyed the later stages of the World Cup. France was magnificent with their highly attractive style of Soccer. The skill factor was so good and the emphasis placed on retaining possession was high."

"Maradona was all class."

"Of course I was disappointed a little that England didn't get further in the Cup."

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE N.S.L. ADOPT TO IMPROVE SENIOR SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA?: "The new NSL format should lift the overall standard by condensing available talent down into 14 teams only."

"But really, the League should be looking at playing surfaces plus spectator facilities as well. Both to be honest are very, very poor."

"As far as having 14 clubs only in the League, I don't really know if that will in fact improve the crowds at matches."

and their sacrifice.

Since this is a multi-cultured country, indeed a beautiful country, make them respect the rules by employing justice, knowledge and commonsense with no bitterness, no violence and no discrimination. No law can be of any service if there is no just application of it. No game, especially professional, can survive with no laws.

Please start spending double the present money for referees. Open referees schools and seminars, award bonus recognition, publicity, and of course punishment.

Employing the rules on the park and applying respect to the players in a civilised and educated manner is the first step towards progress and success.

Building schools for referees and coaches is the first and the most essential step if we really love the game and we want it to grow.

Con Tzavellos
Kingsford

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MORRISON BAY

(Jeff Saul has a look at the activities in the Gladesville-Hornsby Women's F.A.)

As Sunday dawns at Morrison Bay,
Along come the faithful who set up for play.
The Canteen is opened and bins put about,
Up go the nets and the flags go out.
Our signs is hoisted and all is steady,
What a lot of work . . . just to get ready!

Along come the players and spectators too,
Are the refs ready and will they be true?

So the matches begin, just a little bit late,
The players weren't ready so the ref had to wait.

The girls are there to run the Canteen,
As is Coral who watches the scene.
Beryl moves round selling tickets to you,
While Lyn decides round 8 is round 2.
Downs comes Gary, and the points are put up,
'How did THAT team have such a slump?'

Simon and Lal are ready on 5,
To see whether Putney or Forest survive.
And out on the bay there's Lee in a boat,
Its lucky for him that Soccer balls float!

Over on 8 the game will be late,
While across on 1 it's just begun.
And down on the small field the little ones play,
A game of Soccer has made their day.
There's a shout for the medic, but it's nothing serious,
'We just need a break because exhaustion is near us!'

And so it goes on all day long,
The dribbling, the passing, the fast and the strong.
The cheers on the side line, the effort and pain,
The joy and the pleasure of playing the game.

And at the day's end in the car park one sees,
The reason behind the bruised and sore knees.
The friendships formed between friend and foe,
MORE than make up for the odd sore toe.

And as the sun sets at the end of the day,
The faithful remain to clean up 'The Bay'.
In come the nets and flags from the line,
Shut the canteen and roll up the sign.
And although they are tired, they don't complain,
They will return again and again!



TOP: JULIE DOLAN, steps out. ABOVE: MAN-DI LANGLAAR.

NEW ZEALAND has its women in the refereeing ranks. Here is Linda Black running the line in a recent senior game between North Shore and Manawatu.

WARNERS BAY TAKE RUDI ROTH TROPHY

WARNERS Bay once again took out the Hunter Region "Rudi Roth Trophy" for Girls open sides when they downed Gateshead by 5-0.

Gateshead never stopped trying and at times matched their more favoured opponents in the midfield.

However the Bay popped in five neat goals at regular intervals throughout the match to retain the trophy.

Perhaps Gateshead were a little unlucky to meet Warners Bay in Brewster, Peta Whitehead) d Gateshead 0.

rith in the semi-final of the Commonwealth Bank Shield played on a pitch unsuitable for skilful Soccer.

This time, playing on a good surface at Macquarie Field, the Warners Bay girls were able to display their natural talents. Many people, including some Sydney visitors, were surprised to learn that Warners Bay hadn't retained the CHS titles they won in 1985, such was their display against a very capable Gateshead eleven. Warners Bay 5 (Lisa Freeman 2, Tammy Sinclair, Vanessa Brewster, Peta Whitehead) d Gateshead 0. Referee Mr Paul Marr.

NSW TRIUMPHANT IN WOMEN'S NATIONALS

AS feared NSW could only record a draw in the last round of the Australian Women's Championships in Adelaide.

However they retained the title with a three points margin over South Queensland and Northern NSW.

In order, the other states were Victoria 8, ACT 5, South Australia 4, Tasmania and Northern Territory 3.

Northern NSW, with goals from Rene Iserief and Sharon Dewar together with an own goal, polished off Northern Territory in the last round.

Donna Fredrickson collected a hat-trick in Queensland's 5-0 win over the Tasmanians.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

WOLLONGONG 2 (P Brodnik, J Morlando) SYDNEY CITY 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 754.
LEICHHARDT 3 (A Parison 2, A Turnbull) CANTERBURY 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1255.
SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (I Petkovic 2, S Clinch) MONARO 2 (J Walsh, A Carbone) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5680.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (P Raskopoulos) BLACKTOWN 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3222.
MARCONI 3 (R Brown 2, O El Ali) CANTERBURY 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 998.
ST GEORGE 2 (G. Fletcher 2) NEWCASTLE 1 (S. Ingham) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 3200.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SUNSHINE 4 (J Markovski 2, J Faulkner, N Mitten) ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (G Ward, R Dunn) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2360.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (P Lewis 2, J Biskic) GREEN GULLY 1 (G Campbell) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1500.
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (J Mullen, S Melita) HEIDELBERG 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3150.
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (D Hunter) drew with FOOTSCRAY 1 (Z Lujic) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 3891.
PRESTON 4 (Cole 2, Smith, Sliskas) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2150.
BRUNSWICK 3 (A Zinni 3) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 7000.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	14	4	4	43	18	32
Sydney Olympic	9	9	4	33	22	27
St George	11	5	6	33	29	27
Marconi	9	7	6	35	23	25
Sydney City	8	8	6	36	27	24
Newcastle	9	6	7	36	33	24
Leichhardt	9	6	7	25	23	24
Wollongong	9	5	8	26	25	23

Blacktown City	8	4	10	24	36	20
Canberra	5	6	11	21	27	16
Canterbury	2	7	13	17	41	11
Monaro	3	5	14	18	43	11

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick	11	6	5	37	21	28
Footscray	10	8	4	29	27	28
Adelaide City	10	7	5	32	19	27
Sunshine	8	11	3	26	17	27
Heidelberg	9	8	5	35	25	26
Preston	8	9	5	30	20	25
South Melbourne	10	5	7	27	20	25
Brisbane Lions	7	5	10	27	28	19
Adelaide Hellas	7	4	11	26	34	18
Melbourne Croatia	6	6	10	25	33	18
Brisbane City	3	7	12	18	46	13
Green Gully	2	6	14	16	38	10

TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1

Manly Warringah has been awarded a 1-0 win over Avala instead of the 1-1 score, taking Manly into second place on 29 pts and dropping Avala to 17pts.

SECOND DIVISION

Semi-finals: First Grade: North Bankstown 5 Yugal 3, Gladesville Hornsby 2 Kingsford 0. Second grade: Gladesville Hornsby 2 North Bankstown 1, Blacktown United 3 Yugal 1. Third grade: Kingsford 1 Campbelltown City 0, Gladesville Hornsby 2 Blacktown United 0.

THIRD DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS

Third-grade: Baulkham Hills 4 West United 2. Second grade: Moorebank 3, Campbelltown Dist 1. First grade: North Ryde RSL 3, Rooty Hill 2. Third grade: Moorebank 1, Bondi Marine 2. Second grade: Granville Chile 4, Bondi Marine 0. First grade: Granville Chile 2, Bondi 1.

INTER URBAN

SECOND DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

Second grade: Dulwich Hill 1, Liverpool City 0.

The National Scoreboard

First grade: Dulwich Hill 6, Rosebery 1. First grade: Pagewood 3, Hawkesbury Dist 4.

FOURTH DIVISION

SEMI-FINALS

1 v 3 Second grade: Lithgow Workmen 2, Murray Farm 1.
1 v 3 First grade: Abruzzi 1, Crescent Star 3.
2 v 4 Second grade: Abruzzi 1, Macedonia Yagoona 3.
2 v 4 First grade: Murray Farm 0, Cyprus Utd 5.

FIFTH DIVISION

FINAL

First grade: Orange Waratah 3, Calabria 1.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	24	21	2	1	109	13	44
Blacktown	24	14	6	4	52	38	34
Sydney City	24	15	2	7	53	25	32
St George	24	13	3	8	69	41	29
Marconi	24	12	5	7	47	38	29
Canberra	24	12	4	8	54	51	28
Sydney Olympic	24	7	8	9	33	45	22
APIA	24	8	5	11	38	42	21
Wollongong	24	9	3	12	38	56	21
Croatia	24	6	5	13	32	47	17
Newcastle	24	5	5	14	24	52	15
Canterbury	24	4	4	16	23	63	12
Inter-Monaro	24	2	4	18	18	79	8

Saturday 13th September

NEWCASTLE 2 (Penfold, Caisley) ST GEORGE 1 (Beluszc).

MARCONI 2 (Okon, Markovski) AIS 2 (Trimboli, P. Foster).

Sunday 14th September

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Sharpe) WOLLONGONG 2 (Arcosa)

CROATIA 4 (Dragicevic 2, Krslovic 2) INTER-MONARO 0

APIA 1 (Masi) CANTERBURY 2 (Angelis, Arambasic)

OLYMPIC 1 (Oustambasidis) BLACKTOWN 1 (Bennett)

CANTERBURY 2 (Fernandez, Watkins) MARCONI 2 (Russo Okon)

VICTORIA

Melbourne nil St Albans nil
Morewell Falcons nil
Croydon City 2
Northcote 1 Western Suburbs 1
Box Hill 1 Thomas-town 1
Fawkner 1 Springvale nil
Polonia 2 Caulfield 1
Frankston Pines 1
Ringwood nil

Croydon 37
Frankston Pines 32
Box Hill 30
St Albans 30
Morewell Falcons 30

A
Tas v Qld 0-1
N.NSW v WA 2-2
Tas v N.NSW 1-1
Qld v WA 1-1
Qld v N.NSW 0-0
Tas v WA 0-2

B
ACT v SA 0-1
NSW v Victoria 1-0
ACT v NSW 1-1
SA v Victoria 0-2
SA v NSW 1-1
ACT v Victoria 0-1

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qld	3	1	2	—	2	1	4
WA	3	1	2	—	5	3	4
N.NSW	3	—	3	—	3	3	3
Tas	3	—	1	2	1	4	1

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Victoria	3	2	—	1	3	1	4
NSW	3	1	2	—	3	2	4
SA	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
ACT	3	—	1	2	1	3	1

Wide World of Football



ANDERLECHTS' LEAGUE OF NATIONS

FORMER SOCCEROO EDDIE KRNCVIC is partnering Eugene Zabongo, of Zaire, in attack for leading Belgian club **ANDERLECHT**.

Krncvic, who has played for Marconi and Melbourne and Sydney Croatia in the NSL, joined Anderlecht from Cercle Brugge, whilst Zabongo was leading scorer last season for French club Racing Club de Paris.

The Anderlecht forward line has a real "United Nations" look

about it with Dutch international Arie van Tiggelen also included.

The Belgian season opened in a more optimistic mood than those of many bigger European neighbours, where attendances are falling.

The World Cup showcased the Belgian game to advantage, as the

national team beat Spain and the Soviet Union on the way to the semi-final encounter with eventual champions Argentina.

Led by Jan Cuelemans and Jean-Marie Pfaff, the squad received a rousing welcome home after the Cup and the enthusiasm has spilled over into the club arena.

ITALY PREPARES



MACOLIN — ITALY. JUVENTUS prepare for their defence of the Italian Championship. Sharing a joke are from left Beniamino Vignola, Michel Platini and Stefano Tacconi.

Platini had just returned from a long break after the World Cup and Vignola had come back to Juve from Verona after a season away from Turin.

SCOTLAND keeper **JIM LEIGHTON** will be out of action for a month following a collision with Hamilton striker Willie Jamieson.

Leighton's forehead and chin were stitched after the accident. As a result his Aberdeen deputy Bryan Gunn won't now be joining English First Division club Norwich City.

A fee of \$300,000 had been agreed but the deal has been postponed for at least a month. Norwich wanted Gunn as a replacement for England keeper Chris Woods who was transferred in the close season to Rangers for \$1.2 million.

THE new chairman of Orient is a difficult man to reach on the phone.

TONY WOOD is a millionaire coffee exporter who lives in the central African state of Rwanda.

He keeps a bright pink Rolls-Royce at his sister's home in London and gets her to drive him around when he's back in England.

Says former Orient chairman Brian Winston, now the club's managing director: "I spent three days trying to get through to him on the phone last week."

"The line wasn't too good even when I caught up with him."

KEVIN HIGGINBOTHAM of Rotherham was due to visit his pregnant wife in hospital but decided to play a game of football instead — and ended up with a broken leg.

But it turned out to be a lucky break because Kevin, after getting his damaged limb plastered, changed wards to watch his son Liam being born.

"Serves him right," laughed wife Martina. "But I'll have two big babies to look after when I get home now instead of one."

TOREADOR!

TORINO's ace striker WIM KIEFT, the Dutch international is pictured on the ball for his side during the 1-0 win over Siena in the Italian Cup. Kieft scored Torino's only goal from the penalty spot on the stroke of half-time.



LONDON businessman **TERRY RAMSDEN**, a self-made millionaire from London's East End, bought Walsall for \$800,000 two weeks back and arrived at a club training session by helicopter to make his announcement.

Puffing away on a big cigar, Ramsden walked onto the ground and told the players that manager **ALAN BUCKLEY** and his assistant **GARY PENDREY** had been sacked.

Then he went to the supporters club where a jazz band had been hired for the day and he said that old age pensioners would be admitted free. And if they watched 10 Walsall games before Christmas they would be given a turkey each.

The race-horse owner also announced that he was also sacking most of the ground staff. Before flying off in his chopper he added: "My club. My ground. And I want my own men to run things."

He is sure not wasting any time!



JIM LEIGHTON, out injured.

NORTH KOREA defeated World Cup finalists **CANADA** 2-0 to win the right to challenge **CHINA** in the final of the six-nation Merlion Cup tournament. This competition was held in the absence of the Socceroos, who have performed successfully when their commitments enabled them to compete.

BOBBY ROBSON will stay on as England manager until 1991, the year after the next World Cup finals in Italy. He signed a new contract last week.

FIFA has announced that Argentina received \$2.26 million, plus air fares, hotel expenses and local transportation costs, for winning the Mexican World Cup.



DIEGO MARADONA, helped Argentina to a fine payday!

I'LL MAKE IT HURT!

GEORGE GRAHAM had a long spell at Arsenal as a player and now he is the club manager.

Smooth, sophisticated Graham can be as tough as tungsten.

Arsenal's players have been finding out how hard Georgie Boy can be and he has no intention of letting up.

"I don't think there is anything like going through a bit of pain to get success," he says.

"When you get it, the pain, the sacrifice, is all worthwhile.

"I badly want success for Arsenal but I believe quite readily in an old saying: No pain, no gain.

"I don't know if the players here have got away with murder. I don't know if it's a myth.

"But what's gone has gone, and that included the previous managers.

"Those days are finished and that's a fact of life.

"I'm not saying yet what I am going to do. I want to have all the

players knowing that."

The only change Graham has made so far at Highbury is in his office. The desk that Don Howe placed facing the wall has been turned around.

"When people walk in here I want them to see me immediately — I didn't want to be looking at the wall either," he said.

"A club like Arsenal should always be in contention for the championship. Most pros will tell you that the title is the yardstick success is measured by.

"Eventually, that's my ambition here. It's what is expected."

Graham made sure not to point out that he is out to make certain players, such as Charlie Nicholas, David O'Leary and Graham Rix work doubly hard, but the signs are there!

MANAGING MONEY!

CONSIDERING the current state of football in Britain, it is quite incredible to see just how much some of the top-line managers are earning from the game there.

Lawrie McMenemy, former long-time boss of Southampton and now in charge of Sunderland, is the highest paid in English football — commanding the staggering fee of \$415,000 a year.

More amazing is that McMenemy, after a distinguished managerial career with Soton, just kept Sunderland in the Second Division last season. Actually promotion should have been far more likely rather than near relegation. Financially he outcores all of his First Division counterparts.

Next to the Sunderland boss is Liverpool's illustrious player-manager Kenny Dalglish, who earns something in the vicinity of \$337,000 a year at Anfield.

After Dalglish comes new Tottenham Hotspur man David Pleat, formerly of Luton, with \$225,000 a season.

Dave Bassett — on whom we had a feature

on a few weeks back — earns only \$70,000 with the Wimbledon club despite having brought them all the way from the bottom of the Fourth Division to the top of the First.

At the other end of the scale in the Third and Fourth divisions the average salary for a manager is \$25,000, still not bad considering the times.

But managing is the most haphazard job in football, sackings are part and parcel of the game and it is not uncommon to hear the bosses use the age old claim: "I've had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus."

But then there are the likes of John Lyall at West Ham and Brian Clough at Forest. Lyall has been with the Hammers for 12 years and Cloughie at Notts for 11. Graham Taylor has had control of Watford

for nine years — which is an outstanding feat.

And what about the irrepressible TOMMY DOCHERTY. The Jack Nicklaus quote is the right prescription for the 'Doc'.

But generally the mortality rate is high. Even now, after only a handful of games, the jobs of Manchester United's Ron Atkinson and Aston Villa's Graham Turner are very much on the line.

In the English League the top ten goes: \$415,000 Lawrie McMenemy (Sunderland), \$337,000 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), \$225,000 David Pleat (Tottenham), \$200,000 Brian Clough (Notts Forest), \$150,000 Ron Atkinson (Man Utd), Howard Kendall (Everton) and John Lyall (West Ham), \$137,000 Graham Taylor (Watford), \$125,000 George Graham (Arsenal) and Ron Saunders (West Brom).



KENNY DALGLISH in action for club and country.

SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS

COLOMBIA: MILLONARIOS continue to lead the championship after defeating Caldas de Manizales 1-0. Right on their tails though are America who won handsomely 5-0 against Pereira.

URUGUAY: Central Espanol drew 1-1 with Fenix to retain the lead of the Uruguayan championship with seven points, one ahead of Defensor.

PERU: Sporting Cristal and Deportivo Municipal are set to battle out the Peruvian league as they are locked on 20 points on top after 14 rounds.

COLOMBIA: Paraguayan international ROBERTO CABANAS is confident he can lead Americas to the Colombian championship. Cabanas has played an inspirational role in the last two wins by his side, being a 2-0 defeat of Barranquilla Juniors and a 5-0 flogging of Pereira.

MEXICO: AMAZING as it seems, during a game in the almighty AZTECA Stadium in Mexico City two teams were sent off, in their entirety! Referee Ramon Marquez was forced to abandon the match after 72 minutes after showing his red card to all the players from America and Guadalajara following a massive all-in brawl.

Even more amazing was that the brawl started after a confrontation between Mexican internationals Fernando Quirarte and Juan Bacas. Just three months ago they were team-mates during the World Cup.

EL SALVADOR: Firpo de Usulután have maintained their lead of the El Salvador Championship. Their latest victory was against Atletico Marte.

CHILE: Rumours of possible boycotts of the Chilean World Youth Championship in 1987 are spreading. The director of the Technical Department of FIFA, Walter Gagg, declared in Los Angeles that if these rumours are true, following all the internal trouble in the South American nation, then it is possible the next Youth Championship could be shifted.

ARGENTINA: Independiente lead the championship but only on goal difference. An amazing number of six teams are level at the top of the Argentinian League after nine rounds, the rest being Velez Sarsfield, Deportivo Espanol, Rosario Central, River Plate and Newell's Old Boys.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee of the South American Football Confederation, Jorgo Propato, has confirmed that the Argentinian national Under 16 side will defend its South American title in Lima, Peru. The tournament is to be played from the October 4 to 19. The groups are — Northern Zone — Ecuador, Venezuela and Colombia, Pacific Zone — Chile, Peru and Bolivia and the Atlantic Zone — Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay.

CHANGES IN FRANCE

FRANCE: French national team manager HENRI MICHEL selected nine new faces for the Switzerland game in the Lausana Stadium in preparation for the European Championship encounter with Iceland. Says Michel: "We had to resolve the problems that arose in the World Cup before we set off to qualify for the European Championship."

THE BIG ONE IN OUR BACKYARD!

YES indeed it seems likely that the biggest show of them all, the WORLD CUP may well break with tradition and step out of Europe and South America for the first time.

The ultimate football event could well end up in Asia. Thanks to the forays of nations such as South Korea, Australia and the like, FIFA boss Joao Havelange announced that his organisation wants to hold the World Cup finals in China in 2002.

Havelange said the organising committee would soon decide whether to hold the tournament in Asia for the first time.

The Socceroos were

the first Western football team allowed into China in 1979.

In November, the

Socceroos will visit China again for the annual international Ampol Cup series.

THE problems at Manchester United are not only confined to the field. A couple of weeks ago the United club fined seven players two weeks' wages for going on a drinking spree during a pre-season tournament in Holland. They then missed an official dinner date in Amsterdam by two

hours. Names quite understandably have not been released.

DANISH superstar midfielder, SOREN LERBY is not at all happy in his new surroundings in France. He is poised for a move back to his former West German club, Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich.

LIVERPOOL are monitoring the hassles between Celtic and their star striker MAURICE JOHNSTON very closely. The Reds are ready to make an offer for the ex-Watford player at any time.

★★★★

EIGHT supporters of leading Yugoslav club Red Star Belgrade have been arrested as ringleaders of a planned ambush on supporters of rival local club Partizan.

★★★★

Ex-England international SAMMY LEE has been signed by QPR for \$494,420 from Liverpool.

The 27-year-old had been unable to win a permanent place in the Anfield line-up during the last two years.

The stocky midfielder joined Liverpool as an apprentice and has been with the club for 10 years.

He played 197 league games, scoring 13 goals, and was capped by England 14 times at full international level.

Rangers manager Jim Smith is using Lee to bolster the middle of the park and give his hooped side valuable experience.

MO JOHNSTON

The British Football Scene

Derry City are back from dead

A SCORE of Irish priests preached a strange message to the faithful one Sunday, earlier this year.

"Brandywell is under snow," they warned before the benediction. "The match is in your hands."

And 400 worshippers dutifully laid down their bibles to pick up shovels.

It's all part of the miracle of Derry City — the football team that came back from the dead.

For 13 years no professional kicked a ball in that unhappy town beside the River Foyle in Northern Ireland.

Terrorism had banished City's candy stripes from the game. Rival Irish League teams wouldn't go near a ground where bullets had whined across the pitch and a supporters' bus had been burned.

Yet Derry City came to just two matches away from a place in the European Cup-Winners' Cup for this season and their average gate is 10,000 — higher than most of England's Second Division clubs.

The trick was to change countries. The City of Derry still lies within Northern Ireland, but the club plays in the Republic's league where some opponents reside 400 miles away.

The reborn Derry City are a charismatic lot. There's a Brazilian, a South African guaranteed £50 per point on top of his wages, a striker from Zaire, Scots and Irish.

Dennis Tueart, the ex-England star, was one of Derry's first signings. And John Crossan, of Sunderland and Manchester City, was among the snow shovellers.

And why not? Frequently, home games are sellouts and more than £130,000 has come through the stiles.

Two bishops — of different persuasions — attend Derry's home games and previously unknown players now participate confidently on chat shows. □

THE BIG MATCH



ARSENAL and Tottenham battle it out last week during the London derby.

NIGEL CALLAGHAN, Watford's Singapore-born winger, is currently spending time in the reserves rather than on the flank. The talented ball-player is thinking over a \$500,000 move to fellow First Division side Charlton Athletic.

LIL' TERROR

MARK WARD is 5ft 5ins, 10 stone, and wears 5 and a half boots. He was such a little bloke at 18 that Everton decided to throw him back — too small for First Division appetites.



MARK WARD and TONY COTTEE deal with the Coventry defenders and the result? A goal.

"I was devastated the day they let me go," says the West Ham schemer.

"I'd been an Everton fanatic as a kid, a ball-boy for them at 14, apprentice at 16 and pro at 17.

"Then at 18, I was told by the manager Gordon Lee, I wouldn't make it and was kicked

out. He got the sack about three hours later, but that didn't help me."

But Ward was one of those little fish that refused to believe he couldn't swim.

He went to non-League Northwich and took a job in a bakery. "I was earning \$340-a-week between book

jobs, but always believed that I'd be a League footballer," he says.

Joe Royle, the manager who purchased him for Oldham, called him his pocket-battleship as Ward powered his tiny frame through all 42 League games two seasons ago.

John Lyall thought enough of the kid to fork out \$500,000 for him in August 1985.

And after two seasons he was. Oldham bought the little bloke, who in two years hadn't grown all that much but was like a tiger in his attitude to the game.

He dropped \$120 in

wages to become a full-time pro... and it paid

Nobody in East London had heard of Ward.

Now he's completed a full League season for the Hammers and has proved a perfect partner for his more illustrious team-mates Frank McAvennie and Tony Cottee.

MANCHESTER (DIS)UNITED?

THE troubles are arriving at Old Trafford, home of the famous English club Manchester United, thick and fast.

United's sometimes affable boss RON ATKINSON was in the hottest seat in English football when the new season kicked off, now it is absolutely in flames!

With nothing but a solitary point to show after four games, the United side were left idling on the bottom of the League table, somewhere they had not been for more than a decade.

With this being the do-or-die season for most of the Red Devils' staff, many seem to have booked their way out of Manchester via the M4 already.

The first European Cup winners from Britain haven't won a league championship for 20 years and over the past two seasons United have become known as the "nearly team".

Last season United started in a blaze of glory, going some 11 matches undefeated, but falling away at the end of the championship. Even they seem glory days now for their supporters.

To make matter worse, Big Ron has been told by the board he cannot buy any more stars until he sells a few of the present staff.

His biggest name, BRYAN ROBSON, seemingly did his boss and side a favour when he returned three weeks

ahead of schedule, after undergoing a shoulder operation.

But even his return to the field could not stop the slide.

The 29-year-old midfielder was supposed to miss at least a month of the season after he underwent the operation two months ago following his breakdown in the World Cup.

But physiotherapy and strenuous training sessions without after-effects have brought forward his return to action.

Everton, who splashed out \$2.25 million to capture England centre-back Dave Watson a couple of weeks back, have failed in their attempt to land Manchester's former England defender Mike Duxbury.

Everton manager Howard Kendall, desperate to strengthen his injury-hit squad, had a \$625,000 offer turned down by their First Division rivals.

The versatile 26-year-old, who won the last of his 10 caps in 1985, was out of favour at Old Trafford last season, but is now back in the United side.

United striker Mark Dempsey looks likely to leave Old Trafford though, for Second Division Sheffield United.



BRYAN ROBSON, back this weekend for United and they won 5-1.

CAUGHT OUT

ENGLAND and BARCELONA star striker GARY LINEKER, the leading scorer in the Mexican World Cup, has received his first taste of 'club before country' treatment.

Lineker was forced to pull out of his country's friendly match against Sweden in Stockholm, as he is wanted by his club for league duty.

Wales are also in quite a dilemma. Their king-pins, IAN RUSH of Liverpool and MARK HUGHES also of Barcelona, will probably not be seen in the blood red shirts of the gallant Welsh side because of insurance problems.

The Welsh FA have made it quite clear that they will be unable to meet the insurance de-

mands of the respective owners of the two star strikers - Barcelona of Spain in the case of Hughes and, although he is playing with the Reds, Juventus in the case of Rush as he is contracted to join them next season.

KEVIN RICHARDSON was signed by Watford from Everton for \$700,000 and the Merseysiders aim to replace him with England Under-21 international Simon Barker from Blackburn Rovers.

Richardson made a forgettable debut for his new club when Wimbledon grabbed a last-minute goal via a mistake from the midfielder to take the game.

NEWCASTLE United are chasing BRIAN MARTIN, a defender with Scottish Premier Division side Falkirk, but are facing competition from Coventry City and Dundee United.

SCOTTISH international STEVE ARCHIBALD is one of four foreigners at Spanish club Barcelona.

With only two imports allowed at each club, Archibald is on the way out and has been transfer-listed at \$700,000. He looks likely to return to English football.

ENGLAND and QPR central defender TERRY FENWICK, a regular in club and country sides last season, is battling to save his career because of a serious groin injury.

BRITISH Sports Minister DICK TRACEY has launched a scheme to try to improve the tarnished image of football in the UK. He aims to promote closer links between clubs and the people who live in their area by allowing them full use of club facilities.